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One of the bells in the clock tower of Ware Town Hall.

Hanging onto HISTORY

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – It's been a year since Bill Moryl and Ron Lamb began raising money to make sure the bells in Town Hall could ring once

more, and they want to thank everyone who helped the project be successful.

"I think it says a lot about the community," said Moryl. "We were able to do this without any town money, and we raised the whole amount from residents and businesses." Last May, the Ware River News did an interview with Moryl about the bell project needing just shy of \$1,000, and after that article donations poured in, he said. The donations came in all sizes from \$10 to \$5,000, and everything in

between.

"It all added up. We couldn't have done this without all of their help," he said. "Now it's time to say thank you."

In fact it was so successful that by last spring they were able to raise \$30,000 to pay for the new control box for the bells, hammers that needed to be replaced and large bolts that had to be reformed. They raised the money within six



Courtesy photos by Dennis Pariseau, Matt Jablonski and Mike LeClair
Bill Moryl, Ron Lamb and Chuck Gauvrea, with The Verdin Company, who worked together to make it possible for the bells to ring for Veterans Day.

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Quaboag school returns to hybrid learning model

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARREN – The Quaboag Regional School Committee voted at their Jan. 27 meeting to return students to a hybrid learning model on Monday, Feb. 1, after three weeks of remote learning. The schools were closed for three weeks due to rising COVID-19 cases in both Warren and West Brookfield, as a memorandum of understanding between the teachers and the district called for remote learning after two weeks of the towns being in the red or high risk category for COVID-19.

However, Mother Nature had other plans sending snow across Massachusetts, with the snowstorm starting earlier than expected Monday, leading to early dismissal and a remote learning day for Tuesday.

When parents questioned why teachers had to be consulted about whether school would be in session, School Superintendent Dr. Brett Kustigian said, "these are unprecedented times, which no school districts have gone through before. We collectively bargained with the teachers from the get go." He said the district and School Committee had bargained with the teachers since the shutdown in March, through-



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TANNIS ROSSI
QUABOAG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER

out the summer and into the fall about the conditions surrounding COVID-19.

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Vaccinations available for residents 75 and older

Quabbin Health Director talks how to sign up

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff writer

BELCHERTOWN/WARE – As COVID-19 vaccination phases continue, signing up to get a vaccination can be time consuming. However, Quabbin Health District Director Judy Metcalf is working to make the process easier.

As of Monday, Feb. 1, seniors 75 and older became eligible to get vaccinated. Metcalf said staff built out the websites for both Ware and

Belchertown to be able to give people information about the vaccine.

"I also did an interview with Lew (Lorraine) from BCTV," Metcalf said, adding she also did an interview with Ware Community Television as well.

Metcalf said there are two regional vaccination centers, one at the UMass Campus Center in Amherst and the other at Amherst Regional High School through the Amherst Board of Health.

Amherst released vaccine appointments for clinics to serve people 75 or older for people in Belchertown, Granby, Hadley, Hatfield, Pelham, South Hadley

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Ryder Building approved for studio apartments

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Owner Ryan Palladino has received Planning Board approval to turn the Ryder Professional Building, at 33 East Main St. into eight studio apartments.

At the board's Jan. 21 meeting, the members approved the project with two conditions around parking and insurance.

Palladino said he was willing to put 10 years worth of town parking permits for six spaces on deposit, and the town will provide a letter to that effect. He said he was also willing to pay any increases in the permits during that time.

The board also asked him to have his insurance company

write into his policy that in the event of a catastrophe, such as a fire, the insurance money would go to rebuild or demolish the structure.

Palladino said he was happy to that and said he could understand why the board wouldn't want "a burnt piece of rubble" stuck in the middle of town.

At Palladino's first meeting with the Planning Board earlier in January, Planning Board Chairman Richard Starodoj told him the town was trying to find ways to make sure owners did not walk away from buildings in poor repair or which had been damaged by fire.

Starodoj said this project was the first one where the request

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Turley Publications staff photo by Paula Ouimette
Ryan Palladino received approval to move forward with his plan to turn the Ryder Professional Building, at 33 East Main St., into eight studio apartments.



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Scouts honor their history with display

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

WARE — Monday, Feb. 8, marks the 111th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America. Scouts and Scouters across the nation celebrate "Scout Anniversary Week," with service projects, acts of kindness, Scout Sunday services and more, to exemplify the principles of the Scout Oath and Law. Since 1910, when the Boy Scouts of America was formed, there have been over 130 million members, each sponsored by local organizations, such as churches, fire and police departments, and civic and fraternal organizations.

Currently in Ware, AMVETS Post 2577 sponsors Scouts BSA Troop 281 and Earl F. Howe American Legion Post 123 sponsors Ware Family Cub Scout Pack 520. Members of Troop 281 wanted to not just display their commitment to the Boy Scouts of America programs, but to set a tone that other towns and programs would step up to meet to this.

This year, they decided to issue a challenge to other Scouts. "We have been very fortunate here with our community. Many people who have been Scouts, known a Scout, had a Scout, or just like supporting the Scouts, are very proud

of these Scouts in this program." said Troop 281 Scoutmaster Dan Flynn. "Ware has had many troops in the past and every day, someone will come up to me, ask about the scouts, ask when the next bottle and can drive or potato buffet fundraiser will be held, when the next camping trip is, even comment on them camping out last week in January. It is overwhelming how much people truly care about these guys."

The troop developed a goal to find a public spot for a display to celebrate Boy Scout Anniversary week. The Ware River News

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Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to ekennedy@turley.com.

Last week's photo showed then Ware Grange President and Master Linda Lamb passing out dictionaries to third-grader Kiana Parks. It ran in the Jan. 4, 2007 edition of the Ware River News.

Identification of those in this week's photo can be sent, with your full name, to ekennedy@turley.com.

Wedding ANNIVERSARY



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Happy Anniversary! 50 years together nothing could be better. Love, your family.

Virtual Town Hall on Feb. 23

SPRINGFIELD – Baystate Health is holding a virtual Town Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 5 p.m., to discuss the closure of the Baystate Mary Lane Outpatient Center and future plans for patient care. All are welcome to attend.

To register for the virtual Town Hall, please visit baystatehealth.org/EasternRegion.

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Local students named to UMass Amherst dean's list

AMHERST – The following local students have been named to UMass Amherst's dean's list for the fall 2020 semester.

The students include Alicia Louise Famulari, Cassandra Elizabeth O'Shea and Haylee Wetnicka, all of Warren; Priya Atiyolil, Christopher James Famulari, Abigail Mae Killian and Derrick Louis Legault, all of West Warren. Jacob Stephen Warburton and Lauren Stephanie Wojcik, of Hardwick, and Justin Patrick Rife, of New Braintree.

Also, Sarah Elizabeth Abraham, Sarah Elizabeth Balicki, Eric Mitchell Ballou, Michael Paul Bellefleur, Stephanie M Bisnette, Jessica Lee Clough, Adamma Cote-Bishop, Montana S. Dorval, Alexander I. Gauthier, Shaemus Xavier Harper, Emily J. Johansen, Lily M. Juda, Jacqueline Ng, Michael Joseph Perez II, Celina Lagrant Rivernider and Natasha Marie Sawabi.

HCC Women's Leadership Series returns

HOLYOKE – The Spring Women's Leadership Luncheon Series will be held from noon to 1:15 p.m. over Zoom on the last Wednesdays of February, March, April and May.

Once a month, participants will join a group of women leaders to discuss current issues and ideas to help their leadership development. They will also have the opportunity to form a supportive network of women leaders to help navigate their careers.

The theme of the first session is "Compassion Fatigue."

"I think many of us are feeling exhausted from all the work and life adjustments we've had to make in 2020," said Michele Cabral, HCC executive director of Business, Corporate and Professional Development. "There couldn't be a better time to get together with a small group of like-minded women to get feedback and professional support for the new year. Whether you're at the beginning or middle of your career, this is a great opportunity to boost your outlook and skills."

Each lunch-time event will feature two presenters leading discussions on different topics:

Feb. 24: "Maintaining Power and Grace with Glass Ceilings" – Lynn Turner, coach and business strategist, Clear Vision Alliance, Inc.; Moe Belliveau, executive director, Easthampton Chamber of Commerce.

March 31: "Women's Leadership from a Male Perspective" – Presenters TBD

April 28: Topic and presenters TBD

May 26: "Leading Through Change" – Margaret Tantillo, executive director, Dress for Success Western Massachusetts; Jess Roncarati-Howe, program director, Dress for Success Western Massachusetts.

Sessions are \$20 each. The full five-session series is \$50. Space is limited. Advance registration is required.

To register, please visit HCC's website.

Nomination papers available for Warren positions

WARREN – Warren Town Clerk Nancy J. Lowell has announced that nomination papers are available on Monday, Feb. 1, for the upcoming Town Election to be held on Tuesday, May 4. There papers must be filed with the Board of Registrars in the Town Clerk's office, for certification on or before Tuesday, March 16, at 5 p.m. Final day to withdraw as a candidate is Thursday, April 1, at 5 p.m.

Appearing on the ballot will be the following:

One, three-year assessor seat; one three-year and one two-year Cemetery Commissioner position; one three-year Board of Health seat; a five-year Housing Authority term; three-year term as a Park Commissioner; five-year Planning Board seat; one three-year Selectman term; a three-year Sewer

Commissioner term and three-year Tree Warden position.

The Quaboag Regional School District positions will also be incorporated on the Town Ballot. Two members from the town of Warren for three-year terms and two members from the town of West Brookfield for three year terms. There is also a one-year term for Warren members.

These nomination papers are available on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the front office of the Quaboag Regional Middle High School at 284 Old West Brookfield Road in Warren. Deadline for returning these papers is Friday, March 19, by 4 p.m.

Last day to register to vote before the Town Election is Wednesday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the Town Clerk's office in the Shepard Municipal Building on High Street.

Annual Town Election set for April 12, nomination papers available

WARE – Nomination papers will be available for those individuals who wish to obtain them for the following positions that will appear on the ballot for the above-mentioned Annual Town Election, which will be held on Monday, April 12.

The seats open are two, three-year terms for selectman; one three-year term for moderator; two three-year School Committee terms; one, three-year term on the Board of Assessors; one, three-year term on the Board of Health; one, three-year term as Park Commissioner; one, one-year unexpired term as Park Commissioner; one, three-year term as Cemetery Commissioner; one, five-year set on the Planning Board; and one, five-year term on the Ware Housing Committee.

The last date to obtain and file nomination papers with the Board of Registrars is Monday, Feb. 22, at 5 p.m.

The last date to file nomination papers with the Town Clerk will be Monday March 8 at 5 p.m.

The last date to object to or withdraw nomination papers will be Wednesday March 10, at 5 p.m.

Any resident interested in running for any of the town offices will appear

on the ballot should please contact the Town Clerk Nancy J. Talbot to make arrangements on obtaining nomination papers by calling 413-967-9648, ext. 177, Monday through Friday between the business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Due to COVID-19, the Town Hall currently remains closed to the public.

The current office holders will be notified that their terms are ending. They are: Selectmen, Alan Whitney and Keith Kruckas; moderator, Kathleen Coulombe; School Committee, Michael C. Foran and Julie A. Slattery; Board of Assessors, Devin M. Peterson; Board of Health, Michael F. Juda; Park Commissioner, Kimberly Swartz; Park Commissioner, John E. Carroll; Cemetery Commissioner, Craig R. Simmons; Planning Board, Richard A. Starodaj; and Ware Housing Authority, Jonathan R. Hogan.

The last date to register to vote will be Tuesday, March 23. A voter registration will take place by appointment on March 23 until 8 p.m.; however anyone who is not a registered voter can do so by registering to vote online at www.ma.gov or by mail-in voter registration. Forms for mail-in voter registration can be found at the U S Post Office on West Street.

Hardwick Town Election set for April 12

HARDWICK – The Annual Town Election will held on Monday, April 12. The last day to obtain and submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars for certification by Monday, Feb. 22, by 5 p.m.

The last day to file nomination papers with Town Clerk is on Monday, March 8, by 5 p.m. The last day to object or withdraw nomination papers is Wednesday, March 10, by 5 p.m. The last day to register to vote in the Annual Town Election, is on Tuesday, March 23, 8 p.m.

Voter registration will take place in the Myron E. Richardson Building at 307 Main St., Gilbertville on Tuesday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to 8

p.m. This is the last day and hour to register voters who wish to vote at the Annual Town Election. Mail-in voter registrations will be accepted if postmarked no later than the March 23 deadline.

Financial statements must be filed by all candidate for election by the following dates even if the candidate has no financial activity to report. The first financial report is due April 5, by 5 p.m., and the second is due on May 12, on noon.

Minorities, females and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to run for office. The town of Hardwick is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Golf outing helps area veterans, military families

WARE — Sponsors and golfers are needed for a May 7 golf outing that will benefit area veterans and military families.

The Operation Soaring Eagle Golf Tournament will be held May 7 at the Heritage Country Club in Charlton and will benefit The Brookfield Institute, a nonprofit that builds resilience in veterans and military families in order to aggressively combat the causes and impacts of veteran suicide.

Registration is now open for golfers. The outing costs \$125 per person and includes 18 holes in a scramble format with a shotgun start, awards and a steak dinner. The outing is for ages 21 and older.

Sponsorships of all levels are still available, ranging from the tournament sponsor to hole sponsors. Sponsor benefits include golfing, recognition on banners, signs and

websites and in media announcements and advertising.

"We're excited to help people get to know The Brookfield Institute and its mission and that includes reaching out to different interest groups," said Jennifer Baublitz, executive director. "This is our first event for golfers and was suggested by a board member who recognizes the need to widen our outreach.

The golf outing will begin Friday, May 7, at 9 a.m., with a cocktail hour at 3 p.m., followed by the steak dinner and awards. The Heritage Country Club is at 85 Sampson Road in Charlton.

To become a sponsor for the Operation Soaring Eagle Golf Tournament, contact Beverly Prestwood-Taylor, beverly@brookfieldinstitute.org, 508-784-1546. To register golfers, go to www.brookfieldinstitute.org.

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Hardwick COVID-19 vaccinations set for Feb. 13

Registration is necessary, details available soon

HARDWICK – Massachusetts is currently in Phase 2, Step 1, of COVID-19 vaccinations and supplies are limited.

Those who are 75 or older, are eligible for a vaccine that will be given on Feb. 13, at the Hardwick Elementary School. Details and registration information will be available as soon as possible.

Below is a list of current sites where you can make an appointment to receive a vaccine for those over 75. Click on the links to get all the current information available and if possible to schedule your appointment online. Those receiving vaccinations will also need to fill out and bring a state form with them to their appointment, which can be found at <https://www.town-of-hardwick.com/PDF/COVID-19VaccinationAttestationForm.pdf>. The form is valid for anyone over the age of 75 in Phase 2. Other forms may be available for those younger at a later date.

Due to high demand and constrained vaccine supply, COVID-19 vaccination appointments are limited. More appointments will be available based on supply from the federal government. Appointments will be added on a rolling basis. In case of closures due to winter weather, vaccination locations will reach out to individuals with appointments to reschedule. Those who cannot

safely get to their appointment, can reschedule. Reach out to the location where receiving the vaccination with specific questions.

Places to get vaccinated for those 75 and older:

- Eastfield Mall, Springfield (currently all slots are filled)
- Gardner: Medical Arts Building, 250 Green St, Suite 200, Gardner, MA 01440
- Appointments available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
- Phone for appointment (978) 669-0199
- Gardner Walgreens, 232 Main St, Gardner.
- Holden Walgreens, 1145 Main St, Holden.
- Holyoke: Baystate Health, 361 Whitney Ave. in Holyoke.
- Leominster: Hannaford, 118 Lancaster St., Leominster, phone for appointment (978) 840-2737
- Rutland Free Public Library, 280 Main Street, Rutland (Appointments not yet available)
- Southbridge Community Center/Harrington Hospital, 153 Chestnut St, Southbridge, appointments available Monday through Friday.
- Worcester: Central Mass Allergy and Asthma Care, 425 Lake Avenue North, Suite 201, Worcester.
- Appointments available Monday through Thursday.
- To schedule an appointment send an email to COVID@centralmassallergy.com, providing only your first name, phone number, and preferred location for vaccination (Pittsfield or Worcester).

New COVID-19 vaccine site needs staff

Warren, W. Brookfield residents to be served at the site

By Michael Harrison
mharrison@turley.com

PALMER — The town’s health department is looking for licensed medical professionals and others to staff a new COVID-19 vaccine clinic set up at the empty Converse Middle School at 24 Converse Street.

The school had been used for grades five to seven until those students were shifted to the Palmer High School and Old Mill Pond Elementary School campuses, both on Main Street.

Designated as a regional site, the new clinic will serve residents of Palmer, Monson, Ludlow, Brimfield, Holland, Wales, Sturbridge, Warren and West Brookfield.

“We are currently seeking both medical and non-medical staff to work the vaccine site,” Chrissy Florence, Palmer’s health inspector/supervisor said.

“Currently, I have clerical staff,



Both licensed medical professionals and support staff are needed for a new regional COVID-19 vaccination site at Converse Middle School in Palmer.

EMTs, RNs, LPNs, paramedics, NPs, and CNAs – just to name a few,” she said.

Inoculations at the Converse facility will start being administered this week, but additional staff is needed as vaccine production is ramped up and more doses are made available.

“We received our first shipment of 100 doses of Moderna vaccine today, and will be administering

those 100 doses on Friday, Feb. 5,” Florence said Tuesday.

“We are in need of licensed medical professionals to administer vaccines and clerical support staff,” she said.

“To start, I will be using six vaccinators, two medical observers, four clerical staff and two security personnel. In the future, once we start receiving larger shipments of the Moderna vaccine, the goal is to

have 12 vaccinators, four medical observers, eight clerical staff and two security personnel.”

Some training may be required, depending on the position. Florence said the town is hoping to find at least a few volunteers.

“It is a combination of both paid and unpaid positions,” she said.

“We have medical reserve staff that volunteer to help us run a successful clinic, and we have workers that are being paid to perform necessary functions.”

Florence wants to emphasize the scope of setting up and operating a regional vaccination site and the importance of community support.

“The efforts to control and eliminate the COVID-19 pandemic will take an incredible amount of teamwork at an extraordinary scale,” she said.

“Please consider joining the mission to locally expedite the delivery of COVID-19 Vaccine and help bring our community back to a level of normalcy.”

If you or someone you know is willing and able to assist, contact the Palmer Board of Health at palmerboh@townofpalmer.com or visit the town of Palmer’s website at townofpalmer.com.

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was being made, but the intention was to request all projects have the same requirement. “This is the start,” he said, and the town is working on a blight bylaw to address the issue as well. “It’s been a hot topic in town for a year or so.”

It took more than five years to bring down a home that burned in 2015, which had no insurance and voters were unwilling to fund its demolition for a number of years. The town got a grant that went toward pulling it down, and the land has been sold to a neighbor.

There is also an issue with 114 Main St., which has been deemed unsafe and ordered to be demolished by selectmen last fall. The owner has not demolished it and it needs to come down for the Main Street redesign project. The project contractors, Ludlow Construction, were concerned that the building might collapse when they start roadwork with heavy machinery. Paving is set to resume in the spring.

There is also an issue at 92-104 Main St., which is not in good condition either, and Building Inspector Anna Marques has been trying to work with the owner to secure it or bring it down.

Palladino said he hopes to have several units completed by summer and all of them finished by the end of 2021.

about replacing the Three Mile Bridge, on Route 32, near Old Belchertown Road.

It is a hearing held by MassDOT, not by the town, he said. MassDOT will load a virtual presentation about the bridge on that date, and those who want to comment may do so. It is not an interactive hearing. The hearing site can be found at tinyurl.com/1web1lor.

Written statements and other exhibits regarding the new bridge plans may be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Major Projects, Project File No. 605126.

Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked no later than 10 business days after the hearing is posted to the MassDOT website listed below. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us.

Scenic roads

Planning and Community Development Director Rebekah Cornell told the board the Ware Historical Commission members had been documenting stone walls along the town’s roads as part of a larger state project by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

It will be finished by March and then Cornell will gather the information and make a map of all the walls.

Ware River Nature Club to hold Valentine’s Day walk

BARRE – The Ware River Nature Club will hold a Valentine’s Day walk, Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the location to be announced.

The walk will be held weather permitting. During the walk, participants will keep an eye out for winter birds and mammal tracks and sign. Depending upon the number of participants, the nature club will select a location that provides opportunity for physical distancing. Mask protocol will be followed. People may bring binoculars, cameras, snacks and beverages if they wish. Number of participants will be limited. Pre-register at ware-rivernatureclub@yahoo.com to receive directions and updates. Plans may change with regard to weather and trail conditions.

Nancy Curtis Scholarship available

WARE – Applications are now available for the Nancy Curtis Scholarship in the Ware, Palmer, and Belchertown Public Schools Guidance Department. Deadline for completion of the application is April 5, and should be forwarded to Mrs. Sandra Piechota, 269 Palmer Rd., Ware, MA 01082.

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and Ware, according to the town of Amherst.

There is also a vaccination clinic at the Eastfield Mall in Springfield.

“I am working with the eastern region of Baystate Health Care systems to see if we can’t get a clinic to vaccinate patients 75 or older directly, and hopefully open even more especially for people with two or more comorbidities,” Metcalf said.

To aid with the process, state Sen. Eric P. Lesser, D-Longmeadow, filed An Act streamlining COVID-19 vaccination sign-up in Massachusetts (SD.300), with lead co-sponsors state Sen. Anne M. Gobi, D-Spencer, and state Sen. Cindy F. Friedman, D-Arlington.

Metcalf said the state hotline should be running by the end of the week.

This emergency legislation directs the Department of Public Health to immediately stand-up a one-stop digital portal, a 24/7 phone hotline in multiple languages, and statewide text alerts.

Online portal provisions:

Directs the Department of Public Health to immediately establish a centralized, one-stop portal on the mass.gov website to

be used to determine eligibility and allow one-stop online sign-up for COVID-19 vaccinations;

Requires the portal to be made available to all residents of Massachusetts and must be accessible via internet and mobile device; and

Requires the portal to be translated and accessible in multiple languages.

Phone hotline provisions:

Directs the Department of Public Health to also immediately establish a centralized phone number for residents of Massachusetts to determine vaccine eligibility and sign-up for COVID-19 vaccinations via said phone number;

Requires vaccine eligibility determination to be accessible in multiple languages; and

Requires the phone number to be staffed 24-hours a day, seven days per week, and must include sufficient staffing to prevent significant wait times for callers.

Public awareness provision:

Directs the Department of Public Health to share information about the portal and phone number with the general public, including, but not limited to, via the “AlertsMA” text-based notification system.

Metcalf received guidance in Belchertown about a potential COVID-19 vaccine clinic from the

Board of Health on Monday, Feb. 1.

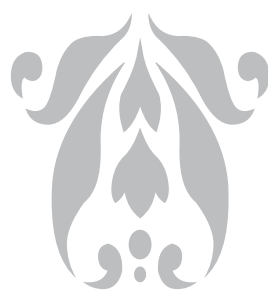
Metcalf is going to prioritize connecting with the Belchertown Senior Center and to local pharmacy programs to see what potential clinics could occur.

While the board expressed interest in a potential clinic for residents, Metcalf said there were several obstacles from doing so. She said technology would be needed, police details and assistance from the Belchertown Fire Dept. as well.

Members proposed focusing on seniors and the school district for potential vaccination clinics and Metcalf said she would begin working on the senior populations first.

“No one is going to like to hear this, but it will be well into next month, maybe the end of March before there is a sufficient supply (of vaccine) to essential workers and schoolteachers,” Metcalf said. “(For) those 65 and older can get vaccinated, that isn’t open yet. Depending on how much we get in from the federal government that may open sooner. Realistically, there may be opportunity to start talking to pharmacies to receive vaccine.”

Go to <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine> to find information and interactive map with vaccination sites.

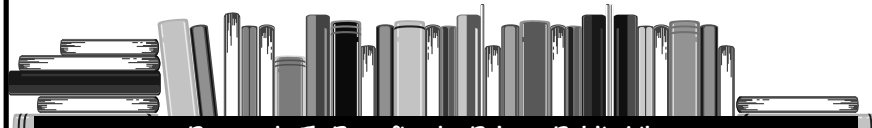


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33. Semitic gods
34. Bugle
39. 60-minute periods (abbr.)
42. Congressman
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47. Having many different forms
49. Shellfish
50. Latin for hail
51. Between sixth and seventh
56. Maori war dance
57. Precious or semiprecious stone
58. Teeter totter
59. Deity
60. A major division of geological time
61. Fishing net
62. Small Caribbean bird
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4. Dough used to make tortillas
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6. Distinct form of a plant
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9. Expedition to see animals
10. Group of related organisms
11. His and __
13. Frenetically
17. Small integer
24. Unit of energy
25. Studies of culture
26. Taxi
27. Doctors' group
28. Don't know when yet
29. Former measure of length
35. Popular CBS series
36. Skin condition
37. Christian creator and ruler of the universe
38. They __
40. Caused severe damage
41. Work done under harsh conditions for no pay
42. One point east of due south
43. Sea eagles
44. Drenched
45. State capital
47. Italian city
48. Sweetheart (archaic)
49. Brief talk
52. Popular disco group: Bee __
53. First Chinese dynasty
54. Military vehicle
55. Chinese Moslem

EDITORIAL

Western Mass. needs more COVID vaccine sites

Phase II of the Massachusetts COVID-19 vaccination program rolled out Monday. The bleak weather that ushered in the new week turned out to be an apt metaphor for the plan so far, especially if you reside in Western Mass.

Due to a lack of supply of the vaccine and high demand by residents waiting to be inoculated, prioritizing which residents are first in line makes sense. Healthcare workers, first-responders, and other categories of people facing the highest risk were designated for the first phase. The second phase prioritizes those age 75 and older, followed by seniors age 65 and up, people with certain underlying conditions, then other front-line workers, such as grocery store staff and teachers. Everyone else is expected to become eligible in April, assuming enough vaccine doses are available.

That part of the plan is sound. We'll even say it's fair because the most vulnerable among us and those doing essential work who can't do their jobs while quarantining should be protected first while waiting for vaccine production to catch up with demand.

What's lacking is a plan for mass inoculation sites in Western Mass. If you take a look at the distribution site map on mass.gov, you'll see a lone red star, which represents a mass site, in our entire region. Most of what you'll see are green stars signifying local health care providers and blue stars that are effectively wishful thinking because those are for pharmacies and right now, none of our local chains are offering shots.

Hampden County alone has over 466,000 residents, yet Eastfield Mall in Springfield is the one mass vaccination site. Glance over toward Boston on the distribution map and there's a solid wall of red stars, most notably Fenway Park and Gillette Stadium.

How ironic that the part of the commonwealth with the most open space hasn't been leveraged to create pop-up vaccination clinics. Yes, you could practically fit all of Chicopee into Fenway while filling Gillette with the combined populations of Pittsfield and Ludlow, but what we lack in sheer numbers we make up for with resources.

Fred Ferguson, owner of Palmer Motorsports Park, said he'd gladly open his facility for use as an inoculation site if asked. Brimfield has acres of fields where flea markets are held in-season that could be temporarily repurposed. Not to mention farms just about everywhere that could be suitable.

There's a long list of possibilities if the COVID-19 Task Force would only consider expanding access in our region. And it should.

Another improvement we'd like to see is the sign-up process. The online portal set up to request a shot opened to poor reviews, especially from the senior citizen segment, who found it less than user-friendly. Despite Gov. Charlie Baker's exasperated retort that it couldn't possibly be any easier, the fact is too many seniors couldn't navigate it.

In response, state senators Eric Lesser and Anne Gobi led a bipartisan effort to prod the Taskforce into setting up a special 1-800 call center to book appointments. Baker seemed agreeable and hopefully by next week if not sooner, that centralized system will be up and running. Time is of the essence when working to end a pandemic and the more those eligible in this phase are encouraged to sign up for the vaccine, the better off we'll all be.

Primarily though, the task force needs a plan to create more mass sites in our region. Those eligible now deserve more options for getting their initial shot and eventual booster. And hopefully, by phase III, everyone still waiting to be inoculated can do that quickly and without having to travel far.

Just because we're rural, doesn't mean we want to be more vulnerable to COVID-19 than our fellow citizens to the east.



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How to grow nutritious sweet potatoes

The sweet potato is a nutritional powerhouse. According to www.nutritiondata.com, it is "low in sodium, and very low in saturated fat and cholesterol. It is also a good source of dietary fiber, vitamin B6 and potassium, and a very good source of vitamin A, vitamin C and manganese." If these facts aren't reason enough to try adding this veggie to our garden this growing season, delight in the fact that it is also a very pretty vine.

If my memory is correct, my Mom attempted to grow sweet potatoes one summer when I was child. It wasn't all that impressive as I recall, at least not as impressive as her peanut growing experiment! Anyhow, the one thing we have against us is that sweet potatoes require a long growing season, somewhere between 90-150 days. The tender shoots are cold sensitive, and must be planted into the ground after all danger of frost has passed. In our area we use Memorial Day as our "frost-free date." Then, the edible root, aka the sweet potato, must be harvested before the first frost of fall. By my records, the first frost usually occurs in early October.



Roberta McQuaid

This equates to 100 days bare minimum of growing time. Still interested, read on.

You can purchase plants through the mail or try sprouting your own from sweet potatoes purchased from the grocery store. Dick Raymond, author of my favorite gardening book of all time, "Garden Way's Joy of Gardening" (Storey Publishing \$24.95), has some great tips for doing this: Seven or eight weeks prior to Memorial Day, simply cut the spuds in half lengthwise and lay them down in moist peat moss in a shallow tray. Cover with plastic wrap and place in a sunny window until sprouting occurs. Slips should be separated and planted about six inches deep, 12 to 15 inches apart from one another. He advises to water well for the first two weeks; after that sweet potato plants are reportedly somewhat drought tolerant. When fertilizing, choose a formulation that is a bit lower in nitrogen, otherwise you will have lots of vines at the expense of sweet potatoes.

Dig up your bounty on a dry day, being extra careful not to damage the skin. Don't leave them exposed to the sun for more than

an hour and don't wash them either. Picky, aren't they? Fresh sweet potatoes aren't all that sweet, a curing period of two weeks in the dark at 70 to 80 degrees and at high humidity will bring out the great flavor we are accustomed to. Long-term storage should be at temperatures around 60 degrees.

To make sweet potato fries simply cut the root into thick wedges, then toss them with seasoned olive oil (or a favorite salad dressing). Bake on a cookie sheet at 350 degrees for one hour, flipping occasionally. Some ketchup as a dip may help reluctant kids to give the "funny orange French fries" a try.

It's my hope that you all enjoy growing sweet potatoes from "scratch," so to speak!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

GUEST COLUMN

The path forward

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

With the handoff of power from one president to another, we enter this new phase of our national life in deep distress. We are divided and polarized, struggling to communicate reasonably with one another, and seemingly unable to find common ground on basic issues. Yet the path forward is neither new nor, really, difficult. We all know what needs to happen. We just need to do it.

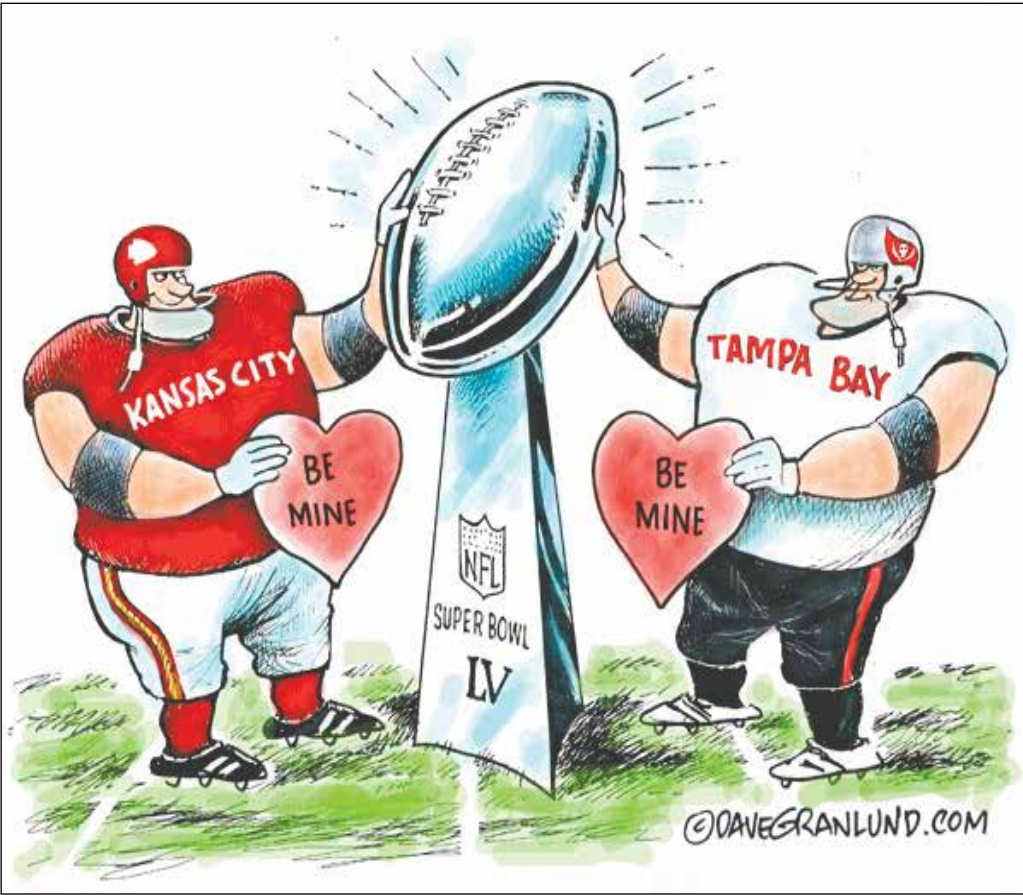
To heal as a nation, we need to return to our traditional ways of doing business. We need to rediscover our skills at negotiation and compromise. We must rekindle our understanding that many people contribute to our progress as a nation and that no one has an exclusive on wisdom. And perhaps more than anything, we need to reassure ourselves that we have the confidence and ability to solve our problems. We have done it in the past. We can do it again.

I count myself among those who believe that healthy democracies hold public officials accountable for their actions and do not just sweep them under the rug in the name of moving on. Representative democracies cannot function if political leaders try to overturn the results of a free and fair election when they do not like the result.

At the same time, though, we badly need to focus on the tasks of governing. And by "we," I mean all of us. Most of us will not have much impact on the future of social security or finding ways to provide affordable health care to every American, but we do bear responsibility for making our own little corner of the country work. We can look around our neighborhood, our community, our region, or our state, and do our best to make our system live up to its promise.

For starters, this means that we resolve our differences without resorting to violence or trying to overthrow the system. Our representative democracy has its faults, but over the long sweep of our history it has served us well, evolving as public understanding evolves. In our system, we work to reform it, not to jettison it altogether.

Binding up our wounds will take recogniz-



ing that we can work together to resolve our differences. We will be helped on this score by electing principled, practical and pragmatic leaders. I have had the privilege in my time in politics of watching hundreds (if not thousands) of elected officials and their staff commit to making the U.S. a better country. This is our historic norm, and I want to see it function again: with a return to the business of governing. We want our representatives to disagree on policy grounds—not because of where they went to school or where they live or what they look like—and then negotiate, legislate, and find a way forward. You don't always get results if you're involved in public life, but you should strive to reach them. And if you fail the first time, it should be the norm that you move on and come back another day to try again or to correct what went wrong.

The truth is, we cannot solve our problems without talking to each other—and talking and talking and talking. That is why we need leaders who are pragmatic about what they can achieve and are skilled and experienced in the arts of compromise and consensus building. And we need citizens who expect

their elected representatives—and the media they consume—to level with them, tell them uncomfortable truths, explain the facts, repudiate conspiracy theories and put forward workable policies for a complex, ever-changing country.

We face tough problems. And while Americans do not expect miracles, they do expect their leaders to work together to solve them. That is how we move forward. The Jan. 6 insurrection was a very dark moment in our history. We have a long way to go to move past it, but we have a chance to revitalize our democracy by showing that it can work to improve the lives of all Americans, regardless of their beliefs. We have done it in the past. We can do it again.

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Questions benefit amount after claim delayed

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I am having problems getting answers from the national Social Security office or the local agent who I first spoke with to apply for my benefits. I am 70 in January 2021, and applied for benefits at the end of August 2020. I asked to have benefits start in October 2020, with my first payment received in November. I was told that the benefit for applying at age 69 and nine months would not be received until January of 2021. Until then, I would receive the 69 years and 0 months payment, which I received in November and December of 2020. In January 2021 however, I received the same 2020 payment plus the COLA increase. I've asked what's up at the local office and have been waiting for a return phone call. My first question: is the amount I received in November and December last year correct: it is only the age 69 amount, not the 69 and 9 months benefit for the age I was at the time? And second, if that's true, when in 2021 should I get my full amount? *Signed: Confused*

Dear Confused: I'll try to clear this up for you. Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs)

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of 0.667% are earned monthly for each full month you delay claiming after your full retirement age (which for you is 66). But although you earn delayed retirement credits monthly, Social Security only applies them in January of each year. You don't lose them; they just don't do the benefit adjustment until January of each year. That's why you got only the age 69 benefit when you started your benefits in October and why your payment in November and December didn't include those DRCs.

The Social Security payment you received in January was actually for your December benefits, and included the 2021 COLA increase (which is computed using your December benefit). And just as an FYI, they do apply DRCs immediately for anyone who claims at age 70, regardless of the month they claim. What happened to you was because you claimed before you were 70.

The additional 6% DRCs you earned between January and September last year

should be applied in January of this year and should be included in your next benefit check, which you will receive in February (Social Security pays benefits in the month following when they are earned). When they do that computation, they'll automatically adjust your COLA using your new benefit amount. So, what you were told by the Social Security agent is essentially correct – your benefit payment won't reflect those additional DRCs for 2020 until your January 2021 payment, which you will receive in February.

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Big Y announces third generation D'Amour family appointments

SPRINGFIELD – The Board of Directors of Big Y Foods, Inc. has announced the promotion of the following third generation D'Amour family members.

Colin M. D'Amour has been named senior director of Big Y Express Gas & Convenience Stores division and Christian P. D'Amour is director of e-commerce. Both appointments represent new and expanding divisions within the company. Both D'Amours report to Richard D. Bossie, senior vice president of operations and customer experience.

Colin's responsibilities include oversight of store operations, site selection, site acquisition and day-to-day responsibility for product procurement including fuel for this division. Currently, there are 12 Big Y Express locations with four more planned for the coming year.

Previously, Colin D'Amour served as senior manager of procurement within Big Y's Real Estate and Development Team as well as serving a member of the Real Estate Committee, where he remains involved in evaluating viable expansion opportunities across all operating formats including Big Y World Class Markets, Big Y Express Gas and Convenience Stores, Fresh Acres Specialty Foods, and Table & Vine Fine Wines & Spirits. In addition, he oversees multiple programs and initiatives with Topco Associates, a Chicago-based, member-owned cooperative that provides aggregation, innovation and knowledge management solutions for its food industry member owners.

He began working as a service clerk at Big Y Supermarkets in 1998 at the age of 14. From there, he held several positions including produce clerk, warehouse selector, construction/remodel store projects coordinator and completed Big Y's Supermarket 101 training program.

In 2007, he accepted a commission with the United States Marine

Corps as second lieutenant where he served with distinction, ultimately earning the rank of captain. In 2010, he was deployed to Helmand, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. While serving in the United States Marine Corps, he was both a purchasing officer and a construction manager in support of the Afghan National Security Forces throughout his area of operations. He was actively involved with project prioritization, scope identification, project bidding and evaluation.

In 2014, he left active duty in the Marines and returned to Big Y by entering into their store director training program. One year later, he was appointed assistant store director in their Great Barrington mar-

ket. By 2016, he was promoted to store director in Pittsfield and later Lee before being selected as a corporate center store sales manager until 2019.

A graduate of Boston College, he holds personal decorations from his military service including both the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation and Achievement Medals. He and his wife, Sharee have four children.

Christian is responsible for Big Y's e-Commerce platform. This platform currently includes relationships with Instacart for grocery home deliveries and DoorDash for prepared meal home deliveries.

In addition to these services, he will be launching Big Y's MyPicks Online ordering. With MyPicks, customers will be able to order their groceries online for easy curbside pickup at the store of their choice or for home delivery. MyPicks will utilize a fully automated grocery fulfillment center attached to the Chicopee Big Y World Class Market. Using state-of-the-art robotics, this 12,000 square foot center can quickly and safely select up to 7,000 online orders a day for delivery to customers.

Like his brother, Colin, Christian D'Amour began his career at Big Y at the age of 14 as a service clerk. After college, he was a sales and marketing representative for an insurance company based in Providence, R.I. He re-joined Big Y as a store director trainee in 2014. One year later, he was appointed assistant store director in their Wilbraham World Class Market. In 2016, he was promoted to store director in Southampton.

He next went on to manage their Wilbraham market before being tapped as store manager at Table & Vine's flagship location in West Springfield. In 2019, he was appointed a district sales and merchandising mentor for Big Y's supermarket 15-store district within Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire counties of Massachusetts. In this role, he was responsible for all sales, merchandising and store team development across all departments. He also continued to oversee the operations of the company's Table & Vine flagship store.

Christian D-Amour holds a bachelor's degree from St. Michael's college in Vermont and spent a semester studying at The National University of Ireland at Galway. He and his wife, Olivia, have three children. Colin and Christian represent two of six third-generation D'Amour family members, who are actively involved in the company. They are grandsons of Big Y co-founder, Gerald E. D'Amour and sons of president and CEO, Charles L. D'Amour.

Big Y Foods, Inc. is one of the largest independently-owned supermarket chains in New England. Big Y operates 85 locations throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut including 71 supermarkets, Fresh Acres Market, Table & Vine Fine Wines and Liquors and 12 Big Y Express gas and convenience locations with almost 12,000 employees. Big Y has been recognized by Forbes as a Best-in-State Employer in Massachusetts and Connecticut, as well as 2018 Employer of Choice by the Employers Association of the Northeast. It was founded in 1936 by brothers Paul and Gerald D'Amour in Chicopee.

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School Committee member Sarah Tetreault defended teachers as parents complained about teachers not wanting to have a hybrid model of two days of in-person classes and three remote days.

"Our teachers are working, they adapting, they're learning new things too," she said. "To say that our teachers aren't working is a gross misstatement."

Kustigian agreed, saying teachers were working harder than ever. "I respect everything they're doing," he said.

He also he recognizes there a lot of strong feelings on both sides about whether to return students and teachers to classrooms.

Teacher Tannis Rossi emotionally told those at the Zoom meeting that the negativity and hurtful comments parents are making in the community and on social media are "damaging our souls. We've been up to every challenge presented to us, we work for your kids. We're the same teachers you joked with at the bus stop;

we're the same people you came to conferences to talk to. Please don't forget we are people too, and those things you say hurt us to our core."

Parents have been lobbying Kustigian and School Committee members to return to hybrid teaching and continue to question when students will return full-time to in-person schooling five days a week.

Some parents have said their children are not doing well in a mostly remote environment, and some have said their children or grandchildren are suffering from anxiety and other problems.

One grandmother, who has custody of her grandchildren, said a granddaughter who is 8 is suffering from a great deal of anxiety and needs to take anti-anxiety medications. She has also had to engage a tutor as the child is having trouble in school because she has trouble focusing.

She and West Brookfield parent Jennifer Goodale both complained that School Committee members were not responsive to their emails about students return-

ing to in-person classes full-time. Goodale also attended a School Committee meeting in December and asked why School Committee members were not talking more about returning students to in-person classes or asking more questions about when that will happen.

School Committee member Jason Morgan said some of the emails from parents have not been very professional, directing his comment to Goodale, who said she couldn't believe she was being attacked.

A couple of other parents said they did not think Morgan's comment was proper.

Greg Sturges, a West Brookfield parent and a Tantasqua Regional School District administrator, said Morgan's comment was the "the least professional public meeting statement from a school committee member I've seen towards a constituent in all my experiences with these committees."

The meeting's sole agenda item was decide whether to have classes remain remote or return to a hybrid learning model.

Paul W. Lukaskiewicz, 78

WARE – Paul W. Lukaskiewicz, 78, of Ware, died on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021, at Linda Manor in Leeds, following a period of declining health due to Parkinson's Disease.

He leaves his devoted wife of 57 years, Nancy (Patnaude) Lukaskiewicz; two sons, William Lukaskiewicz, and his wife Sammie, of Manistee, Michigan, and Robert Lukaskiewicz, and his wife, Sharri, of Hartford, Connecticut and Montague; his mother-in-law, Beulah A. Patnaude, of Northampton; a sister, Patricia Lukaskiewicz, of Ware, and two grandchildren, Alisa Lukaskiewicz and Owen Toal. He was born in Ware, son of the late William and Lydia R. (Dubay) Lukaskiewicz, and was a lifelong resident of the town.

He also leaves several good friends who meet at McDonald's every morning for coffee and solving world problems.

Paul worked as a welder at Palmer Paving Corporation. His career began as a teenager, working after school at Ware Machine Works. He also worked at Goldstein & Gurwitz in Ware and Oxford. He was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 98, National Mud Racing Association, American Motorcycle Association and Quaboag



Death notices

Lukaskiewicz, Paul W.
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Riders. He was a parishioner of All Saint's Church in Ware.

In addition to a full-time job, Paul owned and operated P.W. Lukaskiewicz Equipment for many years, selling and repairing yard equipment and snow plows, building a reputation of hard work, fair prices and the ability to fix anything hydraulic or mechanical. A long-time NASCAR fan, he attended races at nearly every speedway. He met Bobby Allison, attended a Dale Earnhardt Jr. press conference and participated in the Richard Petty Driving Experience. He competed in motorcycle hill climbs, holding a record at Mountain Park. Building and racing trucks became a passion that he enjoyed with his two sons until he decided to build a dragster. It was no surprise that he won competitions with that as well. Paul and his wife owned and operated a business buying and selling antiques.

Due to COVID restrictions, services for Paul will be held privately. Burial will be in New St. William Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to All Saint's Church, 17 North St., Ware, 01082.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneauhf.com.



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Mass Schedule:
4:00 PM Saturday - All Saints
5:15 PM Saturday - St. Mary's
8:00 AM Sunday - All Saints
9:30 AM Sunday - St. Mary's
5:15 PM Sunday - All Saints

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday and Tuesday 7:30 AM at All Saints
Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 AM at St. Mary's
First Friday 8:00 AM at All Saints
First Saturday 8:00 AM at St. Mary's

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
All Saints - Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM
St. Mary's - Saturday before the 5:15 PM Mass

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil: 5:30 pm at All Saints
Day: 7:30 am - All Saints
12:10 pm - St. Mary's
6:30 pm - St. Mary's

Parish Office for both Churches is located at 60 South Street, Ware - MA 01082.
Due to Covid-19 pandemic time our office is open by appointment only.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALOYSIUS
58 Church St., Gilbertville, Tel. 477-6493
The Rev. Richard Lembo, Pastor
Saturday Confession: 3 p.m.; Vigil Mass: 4 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 7:30 a.m.

ST. AUGUSTINE MISSION
98 Church Lane, Wheelwright, MA
413-477-6493
The Rev. Richard Lembo, Pastor
Sunday 9 a.m.

HOLY CROSS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH
61 Maple St., Ware, Tel. 967-3782
Fr. Senior Fryderyk Banas, Pastor
Sunday: 9 a.m. Mass

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH
(formerly QVBC)
258A Malbouef Road, Ware
Phone: 413-668-7041
Email: LBC7@gmail.com
Web: www.lbc7.com
Sunday Service times:
9:30am Prayer and Fellowship
10:00am Bible School
11:00am Worship Service

The LBC family of believers invite you to join us as we work together to serve God in our community.

We are dedicated to spiritual growth through purposeful prayer, truthful teaching, and practical preaching.

We rely on the Bible as our source of all Godly wisdom and truth.
We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior given freely by God and offered to all who choose to believe in Him.

GEORGE WHITEFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
33 West Main St. West Brookfield
Tel. 508-867-3667
Pastor Christy Wright

Worship and Sunday School, Sundays 9:30 am followed by coffee hour.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
108 New Braintree Rd., North Brookfield
774-286-1322
SUNDAY SCHEDULE Services start at 10 a.m.

TRI-PARISH COMMUNITY CHURCH
3 Oakham Rd., P.O. Box 202
New Braintree 508-867-3306

The Tri-Parish Community Church represents the communities of Gilbertville, Hardwick, and New Braintree. Our service will begin at 10:00. Bible Study begins on 9/13 at 8:15 am - 9:30am. Choir Rehearsals are at 9am and Sunday School returns on 9/13 at 10:00 am. We are worshipping at The First Universalist Church of Hardwick, 9 Ruggles Hill Rd. Hardwick through December.

All are welcome to worship and join in fellowship and light refreshment following the service.

Change of Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am - noon. Heidi Jeldres, Administrative Assistant. (508)867-3306 tri-parish@verizon.net.

Appointments can be scheduled at either the Pastor's office or at your home when needed. Please contact Pastor Deb to make arrangements. debasheps@aol.com or (413)478-0731. Beginning 7/6 our Worship Service move to The First Universalist Church of Hardwick through the end of the year. From 7/6 - 8/31 Worship will begin at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

The mission of the Tri-Parish Community Church is service to God by working together as a church to alleviate suffering and to foster hope, love and the word of Jesus Christ among our family and neighbors here and throughout the world.

It's always good to have a variety of voices in the pulpit. Come, support our worship leaders and enjoy the earlier service.

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
1082 Main Street, Warren, Tel. 436-7327
MASS SCHEDULE: Sundays 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH
2270 Main Street, West Warren
MASS SCHEDULE Saturdays 4 p.m.

QUABBIN VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST
43 Main Street, Ware, MA
Sunday Morning service: 10:30am - 11:30am
For more info James Chaisson
774-200-0542
Email: goodnews@quabbinvalleychurch.net
Website: www.quabbinvalleychurch.net

KINGDOM BUSINESS R.E.A.C.H. MINISTRIES
(Realistic Evangelistic Active Christian Hearts)
Pastor, Rev. Dr. Errol J. Estridge
58 Main St, Ware, MA Tel. 413-668-9981
email:thekingdombusiness.ware@verizon.net
Tues 6-7pm, Substance Recovery Ministry
Wednesday 6:00-7:00 pm, Bible Study
Thursday 6:00-7:30 pm, Women Ministry
Friday 6:00-7:00 pm, Prayer Meeting
Saturday TBA, Men's Ministry
Sunday 10:30, Sunday Worship
C.H.A.N.C.E. Tutoring Ministry
(Children Having a Nurturing and Caring Environment)
September - May, After school, Monday - Thursday 4:00-6:00pm

UPPER ROOM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
18 Central St., West Warren, Tel. 436-7559
Joel Hickey, pastor
Sunday: 10 a.m. worship; Thursday: 7 p.m. Intercessory Prayer

UNIVERSALIST-UNITARIAN
St. Paul's Church of Palmer
1060 Central St., Palmer, MA, 283-8185
Sunday: 10:00 am service followed by coffee hour. Children's Religious Education also at 10:00 am.

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH
Sacred Heart Church 22 W. Main St., West Brookfield
& St. Mary Oratory 11 Lincoln St., Brookfield
508-867-6469
rectory@sacredheartwb.com
website: ourladyofthesacredheart.org

Mass Times:
M-Th 8:00am @ Sacred Heart
Saturday Vigil 4:30pm @ St. Mary
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am @ Sacred Heart
Holy Day Vigil 7:00pm @ St. Mary
Holy Day 9:00am @ St. Mary & 7:00pm @ Sacred Heart

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST BROOKFIELD, UCC
36 N. Main St., W. Brookfield, 508-867-7078
Interim Pastor - The Rev. Stacey Kullgren
Worship 10 AM
Sunday School - 10 AM (except the first Sunday of each month)
Call for Bible Study and Youth Group meetings.

WARE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
56a Main St., Ware, Tel. 967-0211
Pastor Jim Van Eten, B.A.D.F.
Sunday: 11 a.m. worship service, nursery and children's church, 4 p.m. worship service
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Fellowship

WARE CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Weekend Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Midweek Meeting

EMMANUEL ORTHODOX CATHOLIC CHURCH
25 Winthrop Terrace, Warren, MA 01083
(413) 436-5582

Fr. Christopher Nerreau
www.emmanuelorthodox.org
Morning Matins Sundays 9:00am
Confession 2nd Sunday of the month 9:00am or by appointment
Holy Mass Sundays 9:30am, Coffee hour following Mass
Free Community Meal: First Tuesday of the month. All are welcome

OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$100, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph.

Death Notices & Paid Obituaries should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

How to submit photos and news

Readers, local merchants, institutions, municipalities, non-profit groups, and civic organizations are strongly encouraged to send us their hometown news and photos.

- News items and press releases should be sent in an email to the news editor at ekennedy@turley.com as either an MS Word document attachment saved as text only, or pasted directly into your email message screen. Be sure to include who, what,

when, where and why in the submission, preferably written in the third person unless it is a first person letter to the editor or guest column.

- Please send photo captions identifying all subjects in your image(s) from left to right. We need first and last name, hometown, title, if applicable, and a brief description of what subjects are doing in the photo.

- Email uncorrected, raw, RGB color digital photos at highest resolution direct-

ly off your camera, or sized at least 20 inches wide at 72 resolution, 10 inches wide at 200 resolution. They may be emailed as attachments to ekennedy@turley.com.

- Publicity chairpersons are encouraged to send in news about upcoming fundraising or other calendar events at least three weeks before they take place.

We will respond to all email messages received.

If you don't have e-mail, please mail these materials to:

80 Main Street, Ware MA 01082

public safety

Ware Police Log

Monday, Jan. 25
2:16 a.m. Ambulance Request Vigeant Street – Referred to Other Agency
7:52 a.m. Fraud North Street – Services Rendered
1:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Main Street – Citation Issued
1:32 p.m. Harassment Complaint North Street – Referred to Other Agency
1:39 p.m. Ambulance Request Old Gilbertville Road – Services Rendered
9:29 p.m. Ambulance Request Gilbertville Road – Services Rendered

Tuesday, Jan. 26
3:45 a.m. Hang-up, 911 Call Dale Street – Services Rendered
9:20 a.m. Trespassing Complaint Campbell Road – Services Rendered
12:53 p.m. Ambulance Request Church Street – Services Rendered
1:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Written Warning
2:28 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Old Belchertown Road – Services Rendered
5:51 p.m. Accident, Vehicle South Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
8:36 p.m. Fire, Report Belchertown Road – Investigated, Report Filed
9:51 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Palmer Road – Referred to Other Agency
10:01 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call South Street – No Police Service Necessary

Wednesday, Jan. 27
4:57 a.m. Parking Complaint Church Street – Citation Issued
6:30 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Bacon Road – Services Rendered
9:02 a.m. Fraud Pleasant Street – Advised Contact Police If Repeated
12:16 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call West Street – Services Rendered
3:52 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Referred to Other Agency
5:01 p.m. Ambulance Request Oak Ridge Circle – Services Rendered
5:49 p.m. Ambulance Request Greenwich Road – Referred to Other Agency
7:34 p.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street – Referred to Other Agency
7:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning
10:51 p.m. Ambulance Request Morse Avenue – Referred to Other Agency

Thursday, Jan. 28
6:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning
8:20 a.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Services Rendered
9:56 a.m. Parking Complaint Pleasant Street – Citation Issued
9:58 a.m. Parking Complaint Pleasant Street – Citation Issued
9:59 a.m. Parking Complaint Pleasant Street – Citation Issued
10:01 a.m. Parking Complaint Pleasant Street – Citation Issued
10:02 a.m. Parking Complaint Pleasant Street – Citation Issued
10:03 a.m. Parking Complaint Pleasant Street – Citation Issued
10:06 a.m. Parking Complaint Pleasant Street – Citation Issued
10:07 a.m. Parking Complaint Pleasant Street – Citation Issued
11:25 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Pleasant Street – Citation Issued
11:29 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Pleasant Street – Citation Issued
11:34 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Pleasant Street – Citation Issued
11:36 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Pleasant Street – Citation Issued
11:38 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Pleasant Street – Citation Issued
12:32 p.m. Fraud Doane Road – Referred to Other Agency
12:55 p.m. Parking Complaint Parker Street – Citation Issued
1:16 p.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Services Rendered
2:44 p.m. Fraud Pleasant Street – Advised Contact Police If Repeated
4:49 p.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Investigated, Report Filed
5:15 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report Buckley Court – Investigated, Report Filed
6:07 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report Coffey Hill Road – Investigation Pending

Friday, Jan. 29
2:59 a.m. Parking Complaint North Street – Citation Issued
3:17 a.m. Parking Complaint Otis Avenue – Citation Issued
3:28 a.m. Parking Complaint Chestnut Street – Citation Issued
4:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning
7:08 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call West Street – Services Rendered
10:38 a.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Services Rendered
1:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Theft West Main Street – Criminal Complaint Issued
3:56 p.m. Burglary/Breaking

and Entering Glendale Circle – Services Rendered
5:50 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Referred to Other Agency
8:04 p.m. Investigation North Street – Investigated, Report Filed
9:05 p.m. Alarm Burglar Gould Road – Services Rendered

Saturday, Jan. 30
2:17 a.m. Parking Complaint Mattson Boulevard – Citation Issued
2:26 a.m. Parking Complaint North Street – Citation Issued
2:34 a.m. Parking Complaint Pulaski Street – Citation Issued
2:38 a.m. Parking Complaint Otis Avenue – Citation Issued
11:20 a.m. Notification Hillside Village – Investigated, Report Filed
4:07 p.m. Ambulance Request Malboeuf Road – Referred to Other Agency
7:46 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Pleasant Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
9:08 p.m. Accident, Vehicle West Warren Road – Referred to Other Agency
10:45 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report Pleasant Street – Investigation Pending

Sunday, Jan. 31
4:36 a.m. Parking Complaint Otis Avenue – Citation Issued
4:41 a.m. Parking Complaint East Street – Citation Issued
4:43 a.m. Parking Complaint East Street – Citation Issued
10:21 a.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Services Rendered
10:27 a.m. Ambulance Request Fisherdick Road – Services Rendered
10:56 a.m. Ambulance Request South Street – Referred to Other Agency
5:15 p.m. Ambulance Request Sorel Road – Referred to Other Agency
5:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Warren Road – Citation Issued
8:48 p.m. Hang-up, 911 Call Osborne Road – Services Rendered
10:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning

Monday, Feb. 1
2:06 a.m. Parking Complaint Webb Court – Citation Issued
2:47 a.m. Alarm Fire Ross Avenue – Referred to Other Agency
3:08 a.m. Parking Complaint Otis Avenue – Citation Issued

Warren Police Log

Monday, Jan. 25
12:54 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued
12 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down Old Douglas Road – Removed Hazard
12:13 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems Milton O. Fountain Way – Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Jan. 26
6:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Burbank Avenue – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Allan K. Alden Leach, 35, Sturbridge
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense; Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle

Wednesday, Jan. 27
12:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Arrest(s) Made
Summons: Brian S. Downes,

34, Springfield
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense; Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
1:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Burbank Avenue – Citation Issued
2:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

Thursday, Jan. 28
9:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Cedrik E. Wright, 30, Ware
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With
11:52 p.m. Serve Warrant North Street – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Alexander N. Sempritt, 29, Warren
Warrant; Warrant; Warrant

Friday, Jan. 29
4:58 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart

Editor's Note: People in this country are presumed to be innocent until found guilty in a court of law. Police provide us with the information you read on this page as public record information. If you or any suspect listed here is found not guilty or has charges dropped or reduced, we will gladly print that information as a follow-up upon being presented with documented proof of the court's final disposition.

Problems Mechanic Street – Referred to Other Agency
4:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Reed Street – Citation Issued

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Jan. 25-Feb. 1, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 81 building/property checks, 22 directed/area patrols, nine radar assignments, 16 traffic controls, nine emergency 911 calls, one motor vehicle accident and six motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Jan. 25
9:01 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital
6:19 p.m. Phone – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Jan. 26
5:37 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
3:01 p.m. Other – Complaint Main Street – Taken/Referred to Other Agency
3:44 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Bridge Street –

Transported to Hospital
5:27 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Accident Main Street – Services Rendered

Wednesday, Jan. 27
3:51 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital
2:14 p.m. 911 – Trespass Church Lane – Spoken To
4:41 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

Thursday, Jan. 28
2:32 p.m. 911 – Trespass Church Lane – Negative Contact

Friday, Jan. 29
4:43 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning
5:25 p.m. Phone – Disturbance Church Lane – Services Rendered

Saturday, Jan. 30
7:31 a.m. 911 – Hang-up Call

Greenwich Road – Spoken To
9:55 a.m. 911 – Misdiial Hardwick Road – Dispatch Handled
12:25 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Old Petersham Road – Transported to Hospital
2:25 p.m. Phone – Fire Alarm Old Petersham Road – Services Rendered
3:44 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued
4:08 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued

Sunday, Jan. 31
9:19 a.m. Phone – Stolen Motor Vehicle Barre Road – Services Rendered

Monday, Feb. 1
7:18 a.m. Initiated – Snow Ban/ Parking Violation Barre Road – Citation Issued

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Jan. 25-Feb. 1, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 23 building/property checks, 31 directed/area patrols, six radar assignments, nine traffic controls, two emergency 911 calls and one illegal dumping in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Jan. 25
3:04 p.m. Phone – Alarm Memorial Drive – Services Rendered

Wednesday, Jan. 27
10:45 a.m. Initiated – Illegal Dumping Oakham Road – Report

Taken
11:59 a.m. 911 – Fire, Other Hardwick Road – Spoken To

Friday, Jan. 29
6:22 a.m. Phone – 911 Misdiial Worcester Road – Spoken To
9:32 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Barre Road – Spoken To

Burn Awareness Week, Feb. 7 to 13

STOW – National Burn Awareness week is Feb. 7 to 13. “Burn Awareness Week is an opportunity for fire, health, and medical professionals to review some simple safety steps people can take to prevent burn injuries at home, at work, and outdoors,” said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey

This year’s theme from the American Burn Association is Electrical Safety from Amps to Zap (A to Z)! While most electrical burn injuries occur in the work environment 48% over the past 10 years, in 2019 an 11-year old suffered an electrical burn.

Electrical fires are the second leading cause of fire deaths in Massachusetts. Using major appliances safely, charging phones and laptops on hard surfaces, switching to LED lightbulbs, installing outlet covers, and storing batteries safely are all easy steps we can take to prevent electrical fires and burns.

- Tips to prevent electrical fires and burns**
- Plug major appliances like space heaters and air conditioners directly into wall outlets. Don’t use extension cords or power strips with them.
 - Charge laptops and cellphone on hard surfaces. Don’t charge them on soft surfaces like beds or upholstered furniture.
 - Unplug any device powered by lithium-ion batteries (like a hoverboard) once they are charged-up. Don’t overcharge or leave them charging unattended or overnight.
 - Turn heating pads, electric blankets and space heaters off before sleeping.
 - Learn how to react to a fire in the microwave oven: keep the door shut

- and unplug it if safe to do so.
- As a general rule, don’t put metal in the microwave (check the owner’s manual for specific packaging that might be allowed, but don’t gamble if you are not sure.)
 - Keep battery terminals (positive and negative ends) from coming in contact with each other or with other metals. Tape the ends when storing them loosely in a drawer.

Massachusetts Burn Injury Reporting System
In 2020, 367 burn injuries were reported to the Massachusetts Burn Injury Reporting System. Over one-third (35%) of the victims were under the age of 14 and almost one-quarter (24%) were under age 5. One in every five burns in 2020 was a scald burn to a child under five. The leading type of burn for all age groups is a scald burn caused by hot liquids such as hot drinks, cooking liquids, and tap water. The leading burn problem in the Commonwealth is hot liquid scalds to children under five. “Please remember that hot liquids burn like fire,” said Ostroskey.

- Hot drink safety**
- Never hold or carry a child while you have a hot drink in your hand. Wiggling babies can cause a spill on themselves and whomever is carrying them.
 - Consider using a “travel mug” with a tight-fitting lid to prevent or minimize spills.
 - Keep hot drinks and soups away from the edge of tables and counters. Putting them in the center of the table keeps them away from curious fingers.

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public notices

Town of Hardwick Conservation Commission
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act that a Public Meeting will be held for a **Request for Determination of Applicability on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 6:30 PM.** The meetings will be held via **Zoom.** A link to the meeting will be found on the Town website: townofhardwick.com. All interested parties are urged to attend.
Applicant: George and Elizabeth Reilly
Description of Work: Continue to raise livestock, crops, forest products; maintain and improve land in agricultural use
Location: 492 Prouty Rd., Hardwick
Town: Hardwick
Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at http://masspublicnotices.org. 02/04/2021

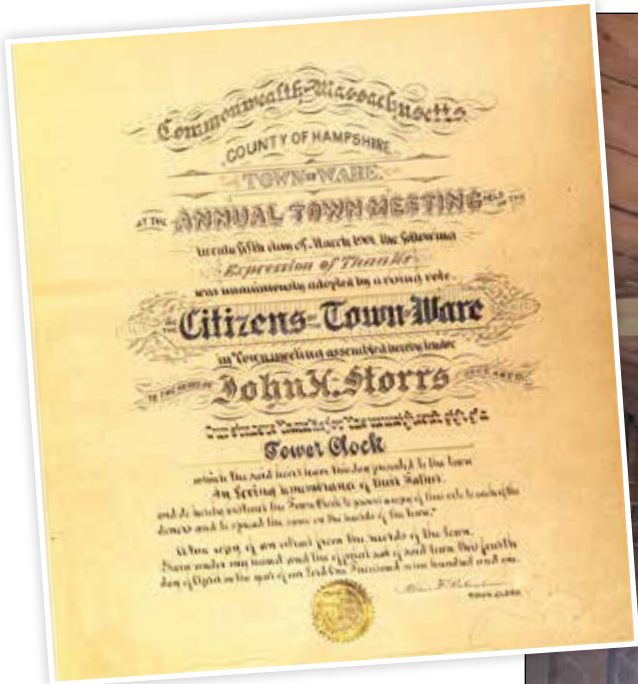
Town of Hardwick Conservation Commission
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act that a Public Hearing

will be held for a Notice of Intent on **Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 6:30 PM. This will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. The link to the meeting will be posted on the Town website, Townofhardwick.com** All interested parties are urged to attend.
Applicant: East Quabbin Land Trust
Description of Work: New 1 mile trail, 4 bridges; invasive species control
Location: O Barre Road
Town: Hardwick
Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at http://masspublicnotices.org. 02/04/2021

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING MEETING Project File No. 605126
A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be published on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Bridge Replacement project in Town of Ware, MA.
WHEN: Wednesday,

February 10, 2021
PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Bridge Replacement project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.
PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of the work for the Route 32(Palmer Road) over the Ware River Bridge. The project involves the replacement of the bridge superstructure and sub-structure of Bridge W-05-015. It also involves roadway construction, drainage improvements, upgrading the bridge rail and the replacement of existing sidewalks for the associated roadway, and geometric improvements to the intersection of Palmer Road and Old Belchertown Road. Guardrail will be installed to provide errant vehicle protection from the Ware River and will be installed on both sides of the roadway. The project will, widen both the bridge and the road to sufficiently meet Federal Highway Administration’s (FHA) design criteria. Pedestrian accommodations consist of sidewalks on both sides of the bridge will be ADA accessible.
A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. **The town of Ware** is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT’s policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.
Written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Major Projects, Project File No. **605126.** Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be post-marked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is posted to the MassDOT website listed below. Project inquiries may be emailed to **dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us.**
This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge

upon request (e.g. interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT’s Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (**MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us**). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.
This Virtual Design Public Hearing or a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at **www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings.**
JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR
PATRICIA A. LEAVENWORTH, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER
01/28,02/04/2021



A certificate for the heirs of John H. Storrs, who gave the money for Town Hall's tower clock and bell. It also inscribed on the bell, handmade by the town clerk in 1901.

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months of beginning the fund drive. And the bells were rung for Veterans Day as Stanley Ciukaj filmed a Veterans Day ceremony to be shown on Ware Community Television.

Lights lead to bells

It wasn't hard to get Moryl and Lamb to take another project after they got the clock lights fixed in the fall of 2019, and were able to have the light shine orange for Halloween. It has since shone in different colors as the holidays go by.

"One project just led to another," said Lamb, an electrician who donated many hours to getting the clock lights back in working order and making sure the bells would ring again.

"I just love restoring things, ever since I got my first set of tools as a kid," said Lamb, who borrowed his father's tools so much he was given his own set of tools to share with his brother. An electrician now, he has donated many hours to getting the clock lights back in working order and helping to make sure the bells would ring once more. "To take a historically significant thing and make it work again is wonderful," he said.

Lamb said he lives a mile away and can hear the bells when they ring. "It just makes me smile when I hear them," he said. "It's something to be proud of."

Group effort

He also pointed to it being a group effort. Both Moryl and Lamb said Building Inspector Anna Marques was very helpful, but she said her role was limited to unlocking and relocking the door to the tower. However, she said she saw Lamb and Moryl donate hundreds of hours of their time to making sure the bells could ring. "They were there on nights, weekends, whatever was needed," she said.

Moryl is proud and gratified that townspeople and businesses gave so generously to make the bells ring once more, and during the process they found some town history along the way.

When photographers Dennis Pariseau, Matt Jablonski and Mike LeClair donated their services to document the bells, they



The bells with an updated mechanism for striking the bells.

found one inscribed to the family of John H. Storrs, who gave the money for the tower clock in his memory.

History

After putting the information on a Facebook page they created for the project, they learned a resident had an elaborate framed certificate from the town clerk thanking the Storrs' heirs for their gift.

Assistant Town Clerk Kathy Galford found the handwritten town records of the vote in March 1901 to accept the money for the gift. It noted three conditions: the town must maintain the clock and repair when necessary, and to insure it. If there was a fire, the insurance money was to be used to replace it, according to the document.

Unfortunately, about 50 years ago the bells stopped ringing, probably in the 1970s, and for whatever reason they weren't repaired. The company that made the original controller, The Verdin Company, of Ohio, fixed the controller and the hammers that strike the bells, which remain in place. That company has been around since 1842, and continues to service bells and provide automatic controlling equipment.

Ware Town Hall was built in 1885, to replace the previous Town Hall destroyed in a fire in 1867. It is a Richardsonian Romanesque Revival style made of red brick with reddish sandstone and red brick ornamentation.



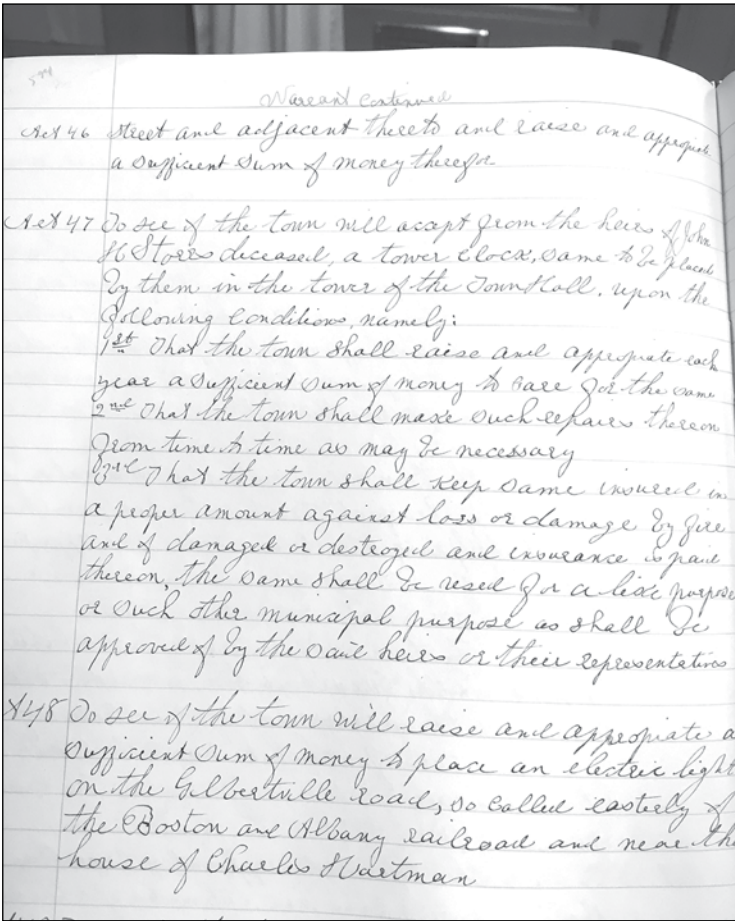
The bell with its hammer in the clock tower of Town Hall.

"There's definitely nostalgia for people to making the bells ring again," said Lamb of the appeal the project had for residents, many of whom could remember hearing the bells ring, including himself.

"As a kid you would hear it ring on Saturday and know it was time for the one o'clock matinee, he said.



Without the skills and equipment of local photographers Dennis Pariseau, Matt Jablonski and Mike LeClair, the engraving on the bell would not have been seen.



The handwritten notes of an Annual Town Meeting over a hundred years ago, which showed voters accepted the money for a clock tower and bell.

Second Chance receives \$70,000 PetSmart grant

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services has received a \$70,000 grant from PetSmart Charities to help prepare more shelter pets for adoption and ensure they are ready to find loving homes. This grant will assist in providing veterinary care to homeless pets so they can get the 'second chance' they deserve.

With three full-service veterinary hospitals and a transport quarantine facility, Second Chance is uniquely qualified to help at-risk homeless pets.

"We are grateful for the continued support of PetSmart Charities in our work to help pets in need," said Second Chance Development Director Lindsay Doray. "So many pets come through our transport program after sitting in overcrowded shelters across the country. Here in Massachusetts, we have many families hoping to find a new family pet. These funds will help us to update vaccinations and provide spay neuter surgeries and veterinary care so each pet can start their new life with their new family."

"Second Chance Animal Services continues to provide critical care to shelter pets, effectively reducing the homeless pet population and shortening their shelter stay," said Johnny Jenkins, associate relationship manager at PetSmart Charities. "We are proud to support this work that will give homeless pets the best chance at finding loving homes."

Since 1994, through its partnership with nearly 4,000 humane societies, SPCAs and pet rescues across North America, PetSmart Charities has helped more than 9.5 million pets to find loving homes via its in-store adoption program in over 1,650



Courtesy photo
Turner is a 2-year-old male cat rescued from an overcrowded shelter in Georgia. He has a genetic abnormality, which causes his lower eyelids to curl in so hair is rubbing on the surface of his eyes. After recovery from surgery to relieve him from this uncomfortable condition, he will be available to adoption and the PetSmart grant will help other animals with medical needs.

PetSmart stores. The leading funder of animal welfare has also donated nearly \$430 million to positively impact communities, to help preserve families, to improve access to veterinary care and to connect people and pets through initiatives like this with Second Chance.

Second Chance helps over 40,000 pets each year through a variety of programs. For more information on Second Chance, visit www.secondchanceanimals.org.

Great Backyard Bird Count, Feb. 12 to 15

REGION – The Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology will hold the Great Backyard Bird Count Feb. 12 through Feb. 15. The Great Backyard Bird Count is a free, fun, and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Participants are asked to count birds for as little as 15 minutes or as long as they wish on one or more

days of the four-day event and report their sightings online at birdcount.org. Anyone can take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count, from beginning bird watchers to experts and they can participate from their backyard or with a Ware River Nature Club group exploring a defined area with a team traveling in separate vehicles. Ware River Nature Club will announce plans for this event soon.

Tri-Parish Community Church news

NEW BRAINTREE — January 2021 moved on out on the 31st, but not before the Tri-Parish Community Church in New Braintree held a service led by Deacon Marguerite Crevier with a sermon, "God Is For You!" Those listening learned that God does not keep a list of "who's naughty and who's nice – Jesus paid the price for that!" The bitter cold did not keep a full baker's dozen from worshipping.

On Sunday, Feb. 7, still at the New Braintree Congregational Church, the service will be led by the Rev. Kathleen Fitzgibbons and Deacon Ginny Rich. Immediately following that service will be the Tri-Parish annual meeting in which officers and members of the Tri-Parish Committee will be elected. Also, the budget and a membership by-law will be voted on. All are welcome to attend church and this important meeting. Social distancing is easy and masks are required.



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The Massachusetts Burn Injury Reporting System is a joint program between the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Department of Fire Services. All burns affecting 5% or more of the body surface area must be reported by physicians and hospitals to the Department of Fire Services. In addition to being a tool for law enforcement to catch arsonists, it is a powerful injury prevention tool for health educators and policy makers.

Nicholas Monteiro named to dean's list

BOSTON – Nicholas Monteiro, of Ware, made the dean's list at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the fall 2020 semester.

Founded in 1904, Wentworth Institute of Technology is a nationally-ranked university offering career-focused education through bachelor's degree programs in areas such as engi-

neering, architecture, computer science, applied mathematics, business management, computer networking, construction management, and design. Its setting is urban, on 31 acres in the Fenway neighborhood of Boston.

The Institute also offers master's degrees in applied computer science, architecture, civil engineering, construction manage-

ment, facility management, and technology management. A leader in engineering, design, management and sciences education, Wentworth is known for its emphasis on career preparation for students through its leading co-op programs and alignment with 21st-century workforce needs.

Cub Scouts join year-long hiking challenge

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

WARE — On Jan. 1, the Heart of New England Council launched a Cub Scout Hiking Club. Cub Scouts were encouraged to “kick off” the New Year by exploring the outside world. Several members of Ware Family Pack 520 have joined the challenge and have been enjoying weekly hikes with their families on local trails. Cub Scout families are encouraged to take photos during their hikes and share them on social media with the hashtag #hnehikingclub2021. Parents then complete a simple form online to log the numbers of miles each of their Scouts hikes.

According to Kevin Fuller, member of the Cub Scout Experience Team for Heart of New England Council, 191 Cub Scouts have registered for this challenge and already logged 249 individual hikes for a total of 550 miles in January. Two Cub Scouts from Pack 193 in Winchendon, tied for most miles hiked at 60 miles.

Ware Family Pack 520 participates in one monthly pack hike a month, weather permitting, but encourages all Scouts to explore the outdoors around them each week. During their weekly Zoom den meetings, the Scouts share their adventures with each other.

Pack 520 has hiked the



Tiger Cub Eileen Flynn enjoys a cup of hot chocolate while hiking with her family on a 20-degree day.

following locations for the January Hiking Club challenge: Church Street Rail Trail, Ware; Pynchon’s Grist Mill Preserve, West Brookfield; the fire tower off Ragged Hill Road, West Brookfield; Gilbertville Fitness Trail, Gilbertville; the Bugle, Gilbertville; and the Mermaid Pool Trail at Cutthroat Brook Tree Farm, Athol.

The month of February brings about the added challenge of a Winter Scavenger Hunt for Scouts

to complete during their hikes, as well as a Massachusetts State Park Challenge. More information about February’s hiking challenges can be found at hnebsa.org under “Cub Scout Hiking Club.” Parents can register their Cub Scout for the hiking club at any time during the year at no cost.

For more information about Ware Family Pack 520, people may contact Cubmaster Chris Boos at 413-345-0448 or lote-credneck3.3@gmail.com.



Tiger Cub Makayla Boos was eager to explore the Church Street trail after a dusting of snow.



Tiger Cub Regan Murphy climbs a large rock to observe lichen.

St. Mary’s offers Polish plate dinner Feb. 13

WARE — St. Mary’s Church, 57 South Street will be having a pre-order sale of a Polish plate dinner. The plate will consist of three pierogi, one golombek, kielbasa, kapusta and Polish bread. Cost of the meal is \$15. Curbside pickup will be on Saturday, Feb.

13, in the parking lot behind St. Mary’s Church. Each customer will be designated a pick-up time when placing your order. Payment should be the exact amount, either check made out to St. Mary’s Church, or cash and placed in an envelope with your name, phone

number and payment amount. Call Sylvia at 413-436-9268 or Diane at 413-967-5207, with questions and/or to order. All orders must be received by Sunday, Feb. 7. St. Mary’s thanks everyone for their support. Snow date will be Sunday, Feb. 14.



Ware Boy Scout Troop 281 Quartermaster Nick Bousquet and Tenderfoot Andrew Bonilla arrange the Scouting display in the Ware River News Window.



Ware Boy Scout Troop 281 Tenderfoot Andrew Bonilla and Troop Quartermaster Nick Bousquet look through Scouting items to choose which ones to put in a Scouting display.

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office, 80 Main St., features two large display windows, a lasting reminder of the building’s former days as a department store. While the larger window features a mural of the iconic tower at the Quabbin Reservoir painted by Ware artist Sophie Lagrant, the other window has remained empty. Scoutmaster Dan Flynn decided to showcase Ware’s Scouting history in this window by displaying paraphernalia from as far back as the 1930s.

In addition to creating the display, Flynn challenged other Scouts BSA troops, Cub Scout packs and Venture crews from within the Heart of New England Council, which covers the Central Mass towns, to set up a new, public display of Scouting at a sponsor location, church, school or elsewhere. “We will send your unit a BSA present of \$20 worth of Dunkin’ Donut gift cards that we have been gifted for this activity.”

Over the years, Scouting has been a vibrant part of the Ware community. As early as 1911, a Boy Scout Troop has been sponsored locally. “We have found out that since 1925, there have been over 70 Eagle Scouts from the town of Ware,” said Flynn. “Today, Troop 281 remains an active part of the community. Last year, these scouts contributed over 1,100 hours of service, through the town-wide Scouting for Food drive, service projects and veteran support programs. We wanted to do a shout out to Ware and set up a display that many townspeople could stop by and recognize past youth involved.”

Flynn has personally collected many of the display items throughout his life, as well as collecting items through donations. His goal is to eventually establish a permanent Scouting museum in the area. His expansive collection rang-



Ware Boy Scout Troop 281 Tenderfoot Andrew Bonilla and Troop Quartermaster Nick Bousquet helped Scoutmaster Dan Flynn put together a display about Scouting at the Ware River News.

es from such items as an antique bugle, to a red wool coat with hand-sewn patches, to a drum, a 1977 issue of Boy’s Life magazine, to a large framed map of Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. Each item has a story behind it filled with fond memories.

Two Scouts from Troop 281 assisted Flynn with organizing and setting up the display this past weekend, Troop Quartermaster Nick Bousquet and Tenderfoot Andrew Bonilla. Bousquet said he volunteered to help with the display because he “wanted to spread the word about Scouting and the

celebrate the 111th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.” Being a Boy Scout is important to Bousquet as he credits the program for helping him to grow “physically and mentally with the morals of Scouting to support me and prepare me for anything that could come my way.”

The Scouting display will remain in the Ware River News window for the month of February. Deadline for this challenge is Sunday, Feb. 7, and people should contact Flynn at 413-297-5886 or scoutdad281@charter.net for entry information.

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Pathfinder has yet to take the court

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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PALMER – Pathfinder Regional High School remains without a home court, and so far without an abbreviated season to play as teams have begun the winter season.

Palmer High School, also was supposed to begin playing, but also has yet to play a game.

Both schools have been restricted from playing games due to the teams they are scheduled to play against.

Pathfinder Athletic Director Joseph Baldyga has said the school is not allowed to play schools in other communities that are currently in the red, or high-risk category.

Pathfinder was supposed to open up the season with both boys and girls playing games on the road at Ware High School.

Ware remains in the red despite lowering positive test numbers for COVID-19. Those games were postponed in the first week of the season, and Pathfinder also did not play in any games during the past week, which could have included Palmer High School.

Palmer High School remains in limbo as well, with its two basketball games scheduled to play teams like Pathfinder, Ware, and Ludlow, but all those games have been postponed.

While there is a limited window for teams to play games in what is considered the “winter” season, there is still plenty of time for Pathfinder to schedule and get up to 10 games in during the month of February.

The Fall 2 season, which should include Palmer and Pathfinder football taking the field, is not scheduled to begin now until March 1.

Pathfinder is also still playing with the disadvantage of having no home court. Because of COVID-19 protocols, the gymnasium, which is also being used as a cafeteria, cannot host basketball games at this time. This requires all of Pathfinder’s games to be played on the road, further complicating its status to get a season in during the winter despite the sport being approved.

While many towns are begin-

ning to come out of the red, high-risk status, it has not happened in enough places for Palmer and Pathfinder to begin playing games as of this week.

Other schools in the surrounding area have begun playing games, including Amherst Regional, which has a co-operative program for hockey with Palmer High School. Palmer players are actively playing with the Amherst team. The team has had a few games under its belt.

The MIAA website does not list many games for the Palmer or Pathfinder teams. Belchertown was also a team on Pathfinder’s schedule, but all games against the Orioles remain postponed.

Monson has made the move to play basketball during the Fall 2 season along with a number of other schools. Monson itself does not field a football team.



Palmer High School has yet to take the court in a game this season.

Pathfinder, without a home court, still has not been able to play a game this winter.

Panthers squeak out victory at home

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—A good basketball team always seems to find a way to win a game, especially on those nights when they don’t play very well. A perfect example is the Quabbin girls varsity team.

The Panthers, who struggled offensively and had several players in foul trouble, managed to squeak out a 34-30 home victory over the Oakmont Spartans, last Monday night, Jan. 25.

The Panthers, who improved their season record to 3-1, returned home after posting a 43-33 victory at Fitchburg High School in their previous game.

Both squads committed numerous turnovers during the first half of last Monday’s contest.

“We haven’t learned how to handle the basketball or how to handle pressure yet,” Barringer added. “Our defense did do a good job of forcing turnovers, but we had too many turnovers ourselves. We have a lot of things that we still need to work on.”

Quabbin’s leading scorer in the first meeting of the regular season against the Spartans was sophomore guard Olivia Rose, who scored all seven of her points during the first half.

Rose began the contest by banking home a 3-pointer from the top of the key. The Panthers’ only other points in the opening quarter were a pair of made free throws by senior forward Kacie McCreadie, which wound up being her only points of the game. The free throws gave the Panthers a slim 5-4 lead with 6:17 remaining in the first quarter.

Quabbin, who was trailing, 7-5 entering the second stanza, tied the score following a steal and a lay-up basket by Rose.

With 3:35 left in the first half, an inside hoop by Quabbin freshman forward Riley Bassett (6 points) tied the score at 9-9. Then two made free throws by Rose gave the Panthers a two-point lead.

The Panthers, who made 6 of 10

free throw attempts during the second quarter, held a 15-12 halftime advantage.

Things did improve for the Panthers during the third quarter.

The duo of senior forward Julia Hamel (6 points) and Bassett combined to score 10 consecutive points, which increased Quabbin’s lead to 27-18. Then a pair of made free throws by junior guard Madison Leroux (3 points) pushed the Panthers lead to double digits for the first time.

The Panthers made a total of six field goals during the third quarter. They only made four field goals the rest of the game.

Holding a double-digit lead entering the final eight minutes of the contest turned out to be very important for the home team.

The Spartans, who were led by junior guard Rylee Barrieault with 15 points, outscored the Panthers, 12-5 during the fourth quarter.

With her team leading by four points (29-25) with a little more than five minutes remaining in regulation, Quabbin junior guard Jordyn Gillon (6 points) buried a 3-pointer from the top of the key. Junior center Ashley Leighton (4 points) made a pair of free throws a minute later.

The Spartans also made three free throws during the final two minutes of the game, but the visitors from Ashburnham, could not get any closer than four points.

Quabbin did play much better in the second meeting of the regular season between the two squads three days later. After holding a commanding 22-5 lead, the Panthers, who made a total of 18 field goals, coasted to a 42-26 road victory. Leighton led the way offensively with a game-high 14 points. No other player on either team reached double digits. Quabbin freshman guard Meaghan Doyle chipped in with eight points and Hamel added six points.

The Panthers, who were scheduled to play another road game against Narragansett on Monday night, are slated to host the Warriors on Thursday night.

Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference cancels ‘fall in spring’ competition

WESTFIELD – The Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) announced today that the eight MASCAC Presidents made the difficult decision to cancel the fall in spring semester athletic conference competition, including all indoor and outdoor athletic conference competition. The decision ends the possibility of resuming the fall conference competition during the spring of 2021 but will allow fall and winter student-athletes

training opportunities. While there will not be a conference schedule for MASCAC fall sports, member institutions will be allowed to schedule fall sport non-conference games at their discretion.

“The MASCAC office has been meeting regularly with the presidents, athletic directors, athletic trainers and other essential staff to consider ways we can bring our student-athletes back to the playing field safely while adhering to all state, fed-

eral and NCAA guidelines,” said MASCAC Commissioner Angela Baumann. “Regrettably, the highly contagious nature of the COVID-19 virus and the risk of community spread through conference competition proved too great a risk to our student-athletes to engage in conference play. With the health and well-being of our student-athletes and our staff as our priority, the difficult decision was made to cancel the fall in spring MASCAC competition,” Baumann said.

Although fall MASCAC competition has been canceled, the state universities will continue to provide student-athletes with on-campus, in-person practices, conditioning, and training opportunities during the spring semester in order to support their physical and mental well-being. These practice and training opportunities will not use a year of NCAA Eligibility and will be done in compliance with campus, state and federal COVID guidance and protocols.

The MASCAC Presidents are hopeful that a spring sports season will occur and plan to announce their decision in February.

“We are disappointed conference competition couldn’t be provided for our fall student-athletes in the spring,” said MASCAC Commissioner Angela Baumann. “We are still creating plans to play the spring sports season and are hopeful we will be able to provide those student-athletes an athletic experience.”

Throughout the 2020-21 academic year, the MASCAC will be celebrating its’ 50th anniversary with special features, facts and trivia commemorating the event. Our conference has a rich history of success on the playing field and in the classroom. Over the academic year, the conference will be highlighting the student-athletes, teams, coaches, and administrators from the last 50 years.

Thompson announces opening weekend events

WATERBURY, Conn. — American-Canadian Tour (ACT) and Pro All Stars Series (PASS) officials have announced the slate of racing for the 46th Thompson Icebreaker on Saturday, April 10 and Sunday April 11. The 82nd season opener at Connecticut’s Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park currently consists of a nine-division card highlighted by the \$10,000-to-win Icebreaker 125 for the Thompson Outlaw Open Modified Series.

The event marks the return of the historic season kick-off after a one-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Icebreaker was first held in 1974 and has become a staple of the Northeast motorsports calendar. It includes two days of racing with an optional Test N’ Tune on Friday, April 9.

All five of Thompson Speedway’s local divisions join the

Outlaw Open Modified Series on the card. This includes the Sunoco Modifieds, ACT-type Late Models, Limited Sportsmen/8-cylinder Street Stocks, SK Light Modifieds, and Mini Stocks. Laps for each division are to be determined. The purses for these divisions will be similar to those at the Thompson Speedway events ACT and PASS promoted in 2020.

The PASS Super Late Models headline the Saturday portion of Icebreaker Weekend with a 75-lap event. It is the fifth straight Icebreaker featuring PASS, joining the 2016-2019 editions. PASS holds their first event of the year in the Northeast after opening the season with a pair of events at North Carolina’s Hickory Motor Speedway.

The NEMA Lites of the Northeastern Midget Association, who are longtime Thompson

Speedway supporters, return for another showing at the Icebreaker. The EXIT Realty Pro Truck Challenge rounds out the card. Both series were slated to be part of the 2020 Icebreaker before its cancellation.

Officials are finalizing the full schedule for each day. More information regarding schedules, pricing, and ticketing will be announced over the coming weeks.

“We have something for everyone at the Icebreaker,” PASS president Tom Mayberry said. “It’s important to start the season with a bang, and we’ve put together a line-up to do just that. We know a lot of people are looking forward to the Outlaw Open Modified Series debut, but there’s plenty of other action planned for fans of both open-wheel and full-fender racing.”

Entries are already pouring in for the 125-lap Outlaw Open main

event. Two of the biggest names on the list are Franklin, MA’s Bobby Santos III and Milford, CT’s Doug Coby. Santos has posted four career Tour-type Modified victories at Thompson Speedway and six at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. He recently triumphed in the famed Little 500 for Sprint Cars at Indiana’s Anderson Speedway. Coby is a six-time champion of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour with six victories at Thompson.

Other notable Modified standouts on the early entry list include former Modified Racing Series and, International Supermodified Association Champion Jon McKennedy, former NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series National Champion Keith Rocco, 2011 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Champion Ronnie Silk, and Mike Christopher Jr., the winner of the Budweiser Modified Open



The Icebreaker 125 will kick off Thompson Speedway’s race season.

at last October’s World Series of Speedway Racing. They’ll be joined by Northeast household names such as Matt Swanson, Eric Goodale, Andy Shaw, Carl Medeiros Jr., and Dan Meservey.

A limited amount of garage stalls are still available for Icebreaker weekend. These will be awarded to Outlaw Open Modified Series competitors in the order their entries are received.

The Icebreaker 125 is the opener of the new Outlaw Open Modified

Series. The six-pack of big-money events concludes with the \$20,000-to-win Thompson 300 on October 9 and 10 as part of the 59th World Series of Speedway Racing. In between are four 75-lap events on Wednesday nights throughout the summer that will pay a minimum of \$5,000-to-win. Rules, entry forms, and other information for the Outlaw Open Modified Series is available at www.acttour.com/outlaw-open-modifieds or www.racedayct.com/thompson2021.

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A SALUTE TO OUR BUSINESSES FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

The businesses in and around town remain the heartbeat of the community. Some are new, while others date back many generations. Turley Publications Inc. is happy to showcase them in the order of the year they were established. We hope you enjoy this special section.

Looking to the future, honoring the past



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Ware has always been an economic center long before roads were paved. Here a team of oxen and a wagon await their master on Main Street in Ware.



This property on Main Street at the corner of Bank Street will soon become a pottery center through a collaboration of Workshop13 and Quaboag Valley Community Development Corp. and a state grant.

Ware's past includes being a center of economic activity for the area, which continues today. These days, the town is focused on upgrading Main Street, with the downtown redesign project underway and a plan to offer grants to commercial buildings for facade facelifts. It's also working on a town bylaw that would

help prevent the commercial eyesores some landlords have left behind, blighting the commercial district.

If downtown isn't as thick with businesses as it was during its industrial days, or even during the 1950s and 1960s, a resurgence has begun downtown. Restaurants like Hannah Devine's restaurant, shops such as the Talk of the

Town, services such as the hairdressers, Silhouettes Salon & Spa, and the continued presence of This N That 2 have all helped to stabilize downtown. And of course, Country Bank and North Brookfield Savings Bank, have acted as longtime anchors.

Workshop13's art gallery and pottery studio have located downtown as


well, and have been very popular. although a certain amount of pulling back was necessary to COVID-19 safety restrictions.

While watching the progress on the downtown redesign moves along, it seems almost impossible that Main Street only existed first as open space, and Main Street wasn't paved, evi-

denced by the photograph with oxen resting temporarily.


In direct contrast, pretty soon Main Street will get its second traffic light, to be located at its intersection with West and West Main streets. The project also includes a change in the road so trucks have of a bigger radius to turn onto Main Street from South and West streets.

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A view of Main Street in Ware during the 1950s show Santa arriving on a fire truck, much like he does today, as people gather to watch and take part in holiday-themed festivities.

Recently, owner Ryan Palladino has proposed turning the Ryder Professional Building into eight studio apartments, and Minuteman Farms is seeking approval to build a cannabis cultivation facility in a brand new building along the Ware River in the Millyard.

The town and the Ware Business and Civic Association are trying to attract new businesses by making downtown more amenable, complete with a Downtown Improvement Committee, which focused on parking first and has now widened its scope to other improvements.

History

As it works to grow downtown, residents are also very aware of the town's history and are keen to preserve what they can.

When the downtown redesign was in the planning process, the WBCA pushed to extend the antique-looking streetlights by the Millyard to Main Street itself. Thanks to Ware's Planning and Community Development Director Rebekah

Cornell, the town has received a \$129,000 grant to extend them on both sides of Main Street.

The Friends of the Ware Town Hall have raised funds to begin restoring the building. They made the case at Town Meeting for money to repaint the Grand Hall. Last year, it was repainted and now looks brand new. It also has a portrait of the town's biggest fan, Cindi LaBombard, who died last July. She was active in all things historic for decades.

The Historical Commission spent some of its money last year to have a sign made identifying it as Town Hall. And resident Bill Moryl has spearheaded the move to restore the lights around the clock in the bell tower as well as the mechanism for ringing the bell.

Industry

While Ware's beginnings were rural and agricultural in nature, with farms, grist and saw mills as well as supporting shops, it eventually became a hub for the larger industries of wool



In the 1950s a shot of Main Street shows Friendly's restaurant in its original location near the Ware Package Store instead of at its second location at Main and North streets. The second location of Friendly's eventually closed, remaining vacant for years until Di-guardi Jewelers redid the building and opened a larger store there.



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Dick and Pat St. Germain are shown with Dr. Daniel G. Berneche at the opening of the St. Germain Professional Building on West St. in 1989. The St. Germain's made an office for their company, St. Germain Insurance, and rented out additional space to other companies.



Janine's Frostee, 149 East St. In 1956, Raymond and Lydia Millier opened a drive-in restaurant and named it Janine's Frostee, after their daughter. When Henry J. Morrisette bought the restaurant in 1976, he decided to keep the name that had become so well-known. Roger Morrisette purchased the business from his father in 2005. Today, Janine's Frostee is still known for its delicious seafood, sandwiches and ice cream, as well as for the charitable events it holds each year.



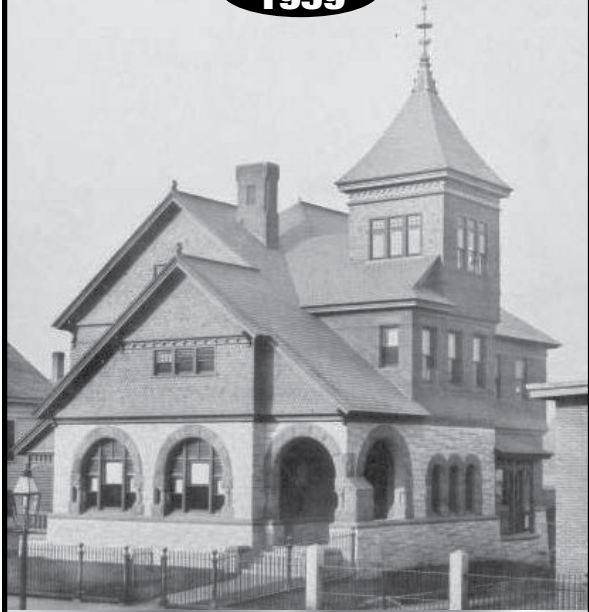
Stanley "Red" Rolla established Rolla Motor Parts at 180 West St. in 1947. Today is located in a larger building at 175 West St. and is now owned by the Moran family.


weaving and other manufacturing concerns in the 1800s. But those industries needed water power, so the area along the Ware River, essentially downtown, became the town's industrial hub and the economic center of the town. Textile companies settled into the Mill Yard area, such as the Otis Co., the George H. Gilbert Manufacturing Company, in Ware and Gilbertville and the Stevens Company, which built and ran factories as well as worker residences. The Mill Yard end of Main Street continuing on to East Street was, and still is, heavily built of brick. The former Mill Yard is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places, so the town's history will always be with it. Now those former mill buildings house D & D Fitness and Canterbury Tales veterinary clinic in the Mill Yard, South Street's American Athletic Shoe Co., which has been in Ware for more than 60 years. history and Country Bank's headquarters. Some of that history includes Ware's manufacturing becoming national news in 1937 and 1938, when the Otis Co. was sold to southern investors who planned to shut down the mill. Townspeople gathered together, formed a committee and created a company with money invested by residents, and raised \$50,000 in 11 days. They bought the mill and attracted a variety of businesses to locate there, saving



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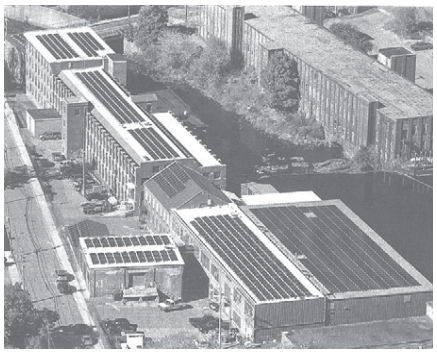
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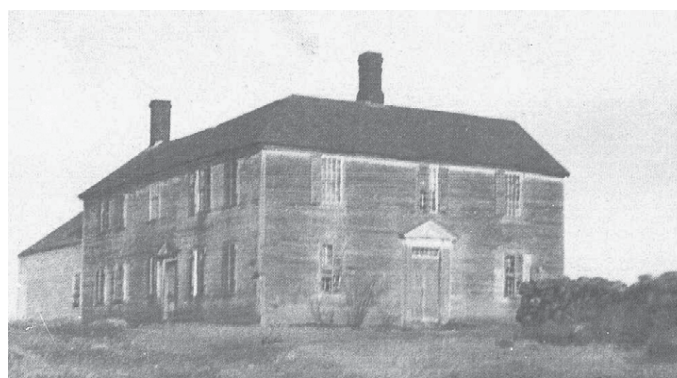
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This was taken in May of 1997, which shows diagonal parking, Town Hall to the left and the war monument on the island. Downtown looks a little bit different today because the area has been rebuilt. The former Tebo building has come down to provide additional parking and the parking spaces near Town Hall have been redone.



The Makepiece building is one of only two hip-roofed Federal houses in Warren. The end walls are brick. It was restored in the 1950s and received new siding in 1990.



The Cutler-Dxeter house, on Old West Brookfield Road, was also known as "Grandma Cutler's house." It was once part of a large farm owned by Winsor Drury in 1822. By 1826 it was owned by the Cutler family until it was sold sometime before 1939. The house was dismantled and was going to be rebuilt in Alabama as part of period village, but that never happened and there is no record of it being rebuilt at another location. The site, along with another parcel, became the location of the Quaboag Regional Middle High School, which was built in 1968-69.

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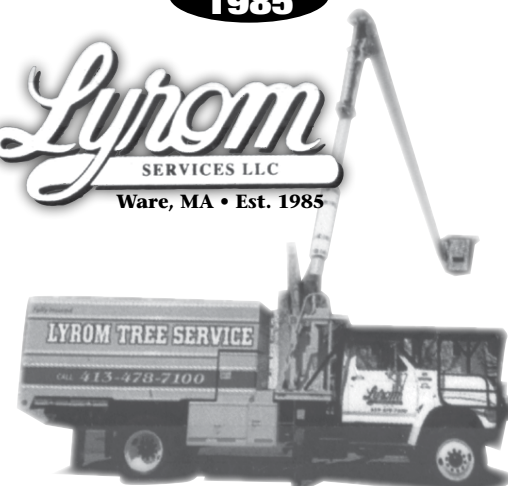
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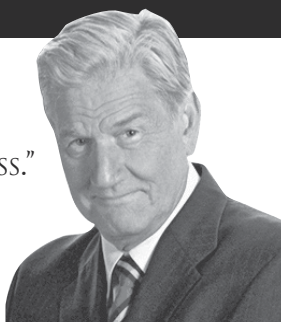


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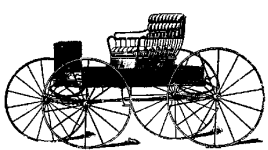
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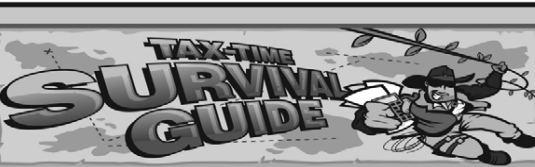
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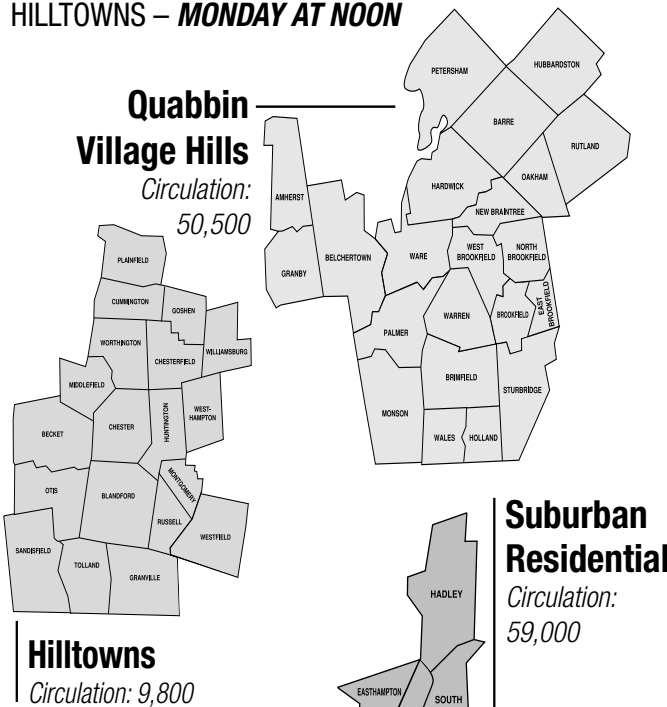
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